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Tory and Labour leaders face party rifts on Healey plan

Wilson and Mrs Thatcher still face the spect of *serious splits in their respective* ies over the Chancellor's forthcoming anti-ation measures, despite a tough speech last t by Mr Healey to the Parliamentary our Party [Report, page 2]. However, the ernment and the TUC seem nearer ement on a voluntary pay policy, based on £6 flat-rate rises for all, after a further meeting between the two sides. The TUC was relieved that the Yorkshire miners' demand for £100 a week for face workers was toned down at the union's conference to a more general formula. As part of Mr Healey's measures, the Government is preparing a contingency plan for direct control of some food prices [Report, page 2].

Thatcher aides may reject statutory policy

avid Wood
cal Editor

ile the Chancellor of the equer last night tried to the Parliamentary Labour in accepting a new orily enforceable incomes , Mrs Thatcher and the ow Cabinet were being l to reckon with the prob-y that the Conservative and file would split seri-on any three-line whip support Mr Healey's ures.

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th Mr Wilson, as Prime ster, and Mrs Thatcher, as osition leader, have serious lems of party management. in the Cabinet there is a g group backing reserve rs for a statutory incomes y. It includes not only Mr ey, who on July 1 took the et by the scruff of the and insisted on an diate Commons statement ssure oil money in London ven days' notice, but also Jenkins, Home Secretary former Chancellor, Mr nd, Secretary of State for Environment, Mr Lever, cellor of the Duchy of Lan- and Mrs Williams, Secre- f State for Prices and mer Protection.

With *the support of Mr* Wilson and Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, that group has enough authority to swing a conclusive majority within the Cabinet. But clearly Mr Wilson will be anxious to avoid any possibility of resignation by Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, who continues to stand by voluntarism, Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, who will not easily give up his challenge to Mr Wilson's leadership, and Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, who cannot *forget that she was forced* to abandon her own version of incomes policy, *In Place of Strife.*

Mr Wilson and Mr Healey also have to calculate how far they can carry the Parliamentary Labour Party in yet another U-turn on incomes policy. The Labour left wing, as represented by the *Tribune* group with theoretically more than 80 members, may certainly be expected to produce between a dozen and a score of votes against any form of statutory incomes policy.

For her part, Mrs Thatcher knows that inside the Shadow Cabinet and within her parliamentary rank and file there is a minority that opposes any form of statutory incomes policy and that insists on monetarism and free market forces as the only realistic way of curbing inflation.

It happens, of course, that some of Mrs Thatcher's most ardent supporters in her challenge for the leadership were *members of that minority, and* she cannot lightly dismiss their point of view.

On the evidence at Westminster yesterday there is little likelihood that Mrs Thatcher and the Shadow Cabinet could carry a united Opposition into *support of the Government's* counter-inflationary measures as they were sketched by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on July 1.

The question therefore arises how an opposition that has demanded action by the Government can be made to appear *credible*, or plausible, if a sizable block of backbenchers vote against government measures or abstain when the Commons debate takes place towards the end of next week.

No doubt the split within the Shadow Cabinet could be papered over, either by the form of words used in frontbench speeches or by a reasoned amendment to the government *motion to approve the White* Paper, but the differences within the rank and file could not be smothered or glossed over.

Much as Mr Wilson and Mr Healey are needing time to convert the trade unions and the PLP to a statutory policy, so Mrs Thatcher will need time to reach a settlement within the Shadow Cabinet and the 1922 Committee.

That invests with importance the timing of the White Paper. In the Commons yesterday, Mr Short, Leader of the House, deputizing for Mr Wilson, would not commit himself to a publication date. Nevertheless *it is being taken for granted* that, after the General Council of the TUC has met today, the Cabinet will be asked to approve the draft Treasury document on Thursday morning. Publication would then be on Friday, apparently with a press conference for the Chancellor to present his case.

On that timetable it is difficult to see how Mrs Thatcher and the Shadow Cabinet could hope to compose, or minimize, Opposition differences until early next week, and settle on a firm line.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Short notably emphasized that the Government hoped still "to reach agreement on a voluntary policy with the unions and the CBI over the next few days", although he did not explain how that squared with Mr Healey's assertion that any voluntary policy must be backed by reserve powers for enforcement.

Mr Eric Heffer, who was dismissed as Minister of State in the Department of Industry over the EEC referendum, protested that a statutory wages *policy "could tear this move*ment of ours to pieces", and urged the Prime Minister and Mr Short to think again.

Mr Short answered: "There must be a battery of measures to combat inflation. The greatest danger facing the country, the people, and their employment prospects is inflation, and that must be tackled without delay." He added that "the Government are resolutely opposed to imposing criminal sanctions on working people."

King Carl Gustaf of Sweden in the uniform of an admiral of the Royal Navy being welcomed by the Prince of Wales at Edinburgh yesterday at the start of his state visit. Court Circular, page 16.

Revolting colonials seek British forgiveness

By Louis Heren

The attempt to rehabilitate the memory of Benedict Arnold, the alleged American Revolutionary War traitor, reported in *The Times* last week, was apparently just the tip of a counter-revolutionary iceberg. The latest news from the rebellious colonies is the *establishment* of the Committee for Reunion with England.

The committee regards the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of *Independence* with dismay, and has issued its Declaration of Reunion with England. It calls for the immediate petitioning of the Queen and Parliament for forgiveness.

In words that may not have thrilled Thomas Jefferson, the reunionists declare that 200 years of crises are the inevitable festering of a grievous mistake: the American Revolution. Corruption in high places, *the putrescence* of American political institutions, and the decay of the country's moral fibre originated in the self-serving and the extremist acts of the hot-headed, rebellious founding fathers, they say.

The corruption, violence and injustice could have been avoided if the radicals had been patient enough to work within the British system. The slave trade was abolished in the British Empire in 1807, "two score and 16 years" before the Emancipation Proclamation, they add. There would have been no Civil War, no Reconstruction period, no Ku-Klux-Klan.

"World Wars I and II would never have occurred. Germany would never dare attack a British Empire that included both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The American Revolution not only betrayed America, but also Mother England, nay the entire civilized world . . .

"*For 200 years we have* been deceived and bullied into believing that violent, hot-headed men like Patrick *Henry, George Washington and* Thomas Jefferson were heroes, but the real heroes of that period were the American Loyalists, the Tories who could see what terrible things the Revolution would cause . . .

"Mother England is kind and just. If we apologize now and promise not to rebel any more, she will go easy on us. Amnesty will be offered to the rebel leaders and the present officials of this rebel government . . .

"America cannot afford to continue in this state of rebellion any longer. If you join, whereupon the Empire would be whole once more and we could regain our former pre-eminence, you will support our cause . . .

"For those who have long held similar views in secret there is finally a refuge. Together we can achieve the single solution to America's overwhelming problems: reunion with England.

"God Save the Queen".

Contributions are requested, and should be sent to the committee's headquarters at 16 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Presumably sinking pounds will be accepted, although they may suggest that reunion is not such a good idea after all.

Paris judge kidnapped at gunpoint in court

From Richard Wigg
Paris, July 8

Less than one week after a French investigating magistrate was ambushed and killed by gangsters, a 31-year-old Parisian *with a long criminal* record today staged the kidnapping of the judge who was about to try him in the Paris Courts of Justice. The kidnapper escaped with the judge handcuffed in a car.

Judge Andre Cozette, the 60-year-old *President of the* Court, was later found, together with another court official, handcuffed to the abandoned car on the outskirts of Paris. But M Rene Guillaume, the police commandant, who tried to stop the kidnapping, was severely wounded in the stomach by Jean-Charles Willoquet, the prisoner, who fired [illegible] car.

The sudden eruption of such violence, all within a few days, will inevitably heighten demands that the authorities take exceptional measures to protect law officers from ordinary criminals.

The kidnapping of Judge Cozette was staged with the help of the prisoner's wife. M Willoquet, sentenced for more than 20 robberies of banks and post offices during 1972 and 1973, married his 24-year-old wife three months ago, while in prison.

He was standing in the dock today, due to answer relatively minor charges, when a young woman dressed in a barrister's robe suddenly approached him. *She took out a grenade from* under her gown and told the court that, if anyone moved, she would throw it.

*The prisoner in turn pro*duced a pistol and ordered the judge to accompany him. He seized M Antoine Michel, a *second court official*, at the same time.

The weapon had been handed to him by his wife.

As the prisoner went with his hostages and his wife down the long corridors of the Palace of Justice, the police commandant in charge of security tried to stop them. The prisoner shot his way free, however, injuring the commandant seriously and another policeman *slightly*.

Final Callaghan plea to save Mr Hills

From David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent
Kinshasa, July 8

Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, his Deputy Under Secretary in Charge of Africa at the Foreign Office, the head of the East Africa Department, his political and press advisers, were in Kinshasa today, all hoping to secure the release from prison of one British subject, Mr Denis Hills, 1,000 miles away in Kampala, Uganda.

Mr Callaghan, who began his visit this evening with a talk with M Bula, the Zairean Foreign Minister, will meet President Mobutu over breakfast tomorrow to hear his views and enlist his support.

President Mobutu holds the key to the release of Mr Hills, because General Amin has entrusted him with the whole affair. The crucial statement by General Amin a week ago was: "I leave everything to President [illegible]"

After hearing what the President has to say Mr Callaghan will decide whether to fly to Kampala to see General Amin. "I am comforted by the fact that President Amin has *said he has great confidence in* President Mobutu", Mr Callaghan said tonight.

It is understood that Presi*dent Mobutu* takes a generous view of the matter. Even so, it cannot be taken for granted that a recommendation for a pardon for Mr Hills would be accepted by General Amin. But Mr Callaghan would certainly feel encouraged to go to Kampala tomorrow and try his best, and face the risk of a personal setback.

Behind this manoeuvring between Kinshasa and Kampala lies a deeper African concern, *namely the* forthcoming meeting of the Organization of African Unity in Kampala.

If General Amin should decide to act harshly towards Mr Hills, after all that has been said in Mr Hills's favour by African governments, it would offend many of the leaders who are to attend the OAU meeting, perhaps seriously, and might provoke direct criticism of *Uganda*.

In a sense, therefore, the fate of Mr Hills has been overlaid by African politics, in which the position of General Amin as the host and new chairman of the OAU has become highly sensitive. General Amin's position *as* chairman now seems to be accepted by African governments, but he is presumably well aware of their concern.

The visit by Mr Callaghan to Kampala, if it works out, could lay the basis for a better understanding.

Our Nairobi Correspondent writes: President Amin arrived in Nairobi this afternoon from Mogadishu, where *he has been having talks with* President Siad Barre of Somalia, present chairman of the OAU. He then flew to Nakuru, 100 miles from Nairobi, for talks with President Kenyatta.

The visit was not announced in advance here and it was not announced from Uganda, although Uganda radio this evening said that the general would return by helicopter tomorrow. No mention of Mr Callaghan's trip to Africa has been made

UC and Cabinet draw oser on £6-rise plan

vid Young
ess News Staff

possibility that the TUC e Government will reach ntary pay agreement to ffect on August 1 iting rises to £6 a week ensuing year is now con- d by both sides to be after four hours of r talks between the TUC nic committee. Mr , the Chancellor, and l of his Cabinet colleagues night.

h sides emphasize that are not in complete agree- but a "broad consensus" een reached, and that is dered to be enough for TUC General Council to e today the *draft docu*- submitted by the economic ittee to Mr Healey.

Len Murray, TUC general ary, *said last night that* ks had still been about a ary rather than a statu- agreement and he was l that such an agreement be reached.

ever, he admitted that were still areas where the ment and the TUC could ach agreement, and the lity was that Mr Healey's Paper on inflation would e the framework of a ry policy, although it was ered that it would never o be used.

Murray said: "We have ared out agreement on areas and the TUC l Council will, I am sure, to the policy document ill be put before it."

erday's talks began in an of optimism after the decision by the National Union of Mineworkers at their Scarborough conference. The TUC economic committee had been told *or* the decision as members arrived for the meeting, and Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said that had the decision been the reverse last night's meeting would have been difficult.

One main area of disagreement between the TUC and the Government is on the limit beyond which no rises should be paid. Mr Healey still maintains that it should be £10,000 a year, but the TUC leaders feel that it should be £7,000, and Mr Murray said last night that he felt that people earning more than that sum should even be considering whether they should take a cut.

Another area on which many of the general council members, representing blue-collar and white-collar workers, feel strongly is the Chancellor's proposal that any stages of wage agreement already signed and due to be paid after August 1 should be frozen. The government estimate is that four million workers are in that position, more than a third of the TUC membership.

However, the mood in the TUC economic committee after last night's discussions was one of *quiet optimism* that its plan has been accepted by the Chancellor and that with only slight amendments, on which the TUC is prepared to give way, it will form the Government's policy.

Pit militants accept pay plan compromise

From Paul Routledge
Labour Editor
Scarborough

The National Union of Mineworkers achieved a superficial unity on a £100-a-week pay claim yesterday, but the political tensions underlying the wage argument inside the union remained unresolved after a bitter, personal debate.

Left-wingers and moderates claimed a famous victory after a composite resolution had been accepted unanimously by the NUM policy-making conference at Scarborough, and Mr Eadie, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Energy, said it was a "responsible" declaration of policy which gave the miners' leaders room for manoeuvre.

TUC leaders meeting today to put the seal of approval on proposals to limit pay increases to £6-a-week flat-rate rises for all workers will be relieved that the Yorkshire miners' militant demand for rises of up to £39 a week has been toned down to a generalized formula.

The successful resolution calls on the miners' executive to enter into negotiations with the National Coal Board to seek pay of £100 a week for face workers with consequential increases for other grades in the industry. In the event of an "unsatisfactory offer" from the board the union leadership is to consult the members "in accordance with rule", which could mean either that they are asked to accept the offer or pursue industrial action.

The vague wording of the resolution reflects the difficulty experienced [illegible] in achieving an agreed wage policy that would accommodate *the militancy of the* big coalfields without embarrassing the Government.

In the end the Yorkshire *miners withdrew their insist*ence that the word "demand" should appear in the resolution and the moderate North-western *and Nottinghamshire areas* backed down on their conviction that the £100 figure should be tabled only as "an objective".

Mr Joseph Gormley, the miners' president, said later that there was a "strong possibility" that the target figure named in the resolution might not appear in the claim eventually put to the coal board in the autumn. It is clear that, having tacked towards the moderate view, the Yorkshire miners have left the moderate-dominated NUM executive pretty much a free hand in pay bargaining. In the words of one irate Yorkshire miner to a fellow delegate inside the conference: "We've been conned."

The unanimous vote, a mockery of the contradictory views expressed in the debate, was greeted with relief by Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the coal board. He said: "This is a year in which all must show restraint. I *believe that the* debate has shown that among many people in the union there is recognition of that."

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Juniors turn down BMA sanctions

From John Roper
Leeds

The Junior Hospital Doctors' Association, representing more than 5,000 members, said last night that it questioned the wisdom of a decision by the British Medical Association at its conference in Leeds yesterday to impose sanctions if the Government refused to implement a new 40-hour week contract for junior hospital doctors. Its statement added: While we support any effort to increase the pay of junior hospital doctors, we do not feel that the BMA's new contract goes far *enough towards correcting the* basic problems of career structure, job security and training that are every bit as important to juniors as cash and hours of work.

For these reasons, we do not believe that the BMA will get the support of the great majority of junior hospital doctors in Britain if and when they call for industrial action over this contract. As the BMA have not consulted with the majority of junior doctors over this new contract, we do not feel that the public should be made to suffer over this particular issue.

John Roper writes from Leeds: Junior hospital doctors were given virtually unanimous support by their consultant colleagues and general practitioners yesterday for a motion that if the Government does not implement their new 40-hour contract, properly priced, by October 1, industrial action will be taken. *The decision came at* the annual representative meeting of the British Medical Association, in Leeds.

A *proviso was that action* would be subject to the overriding legislation of the day, as a safeguard that the juniors will not break *any law that* might be in effect. Industrial action would take the form of non-cooperation and a work-to-rule, *which would undoubtedly* quickly paralyse the hospital service.

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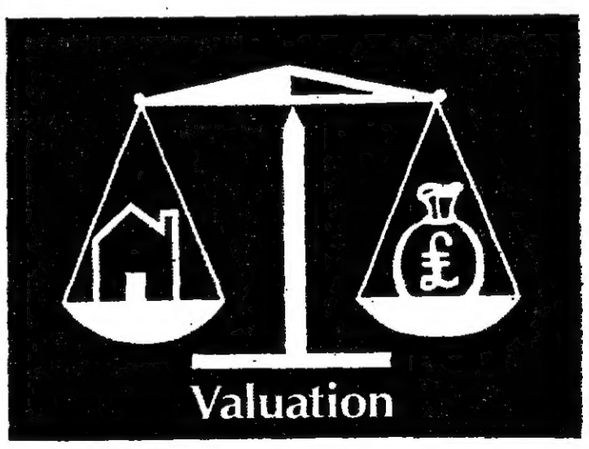

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s, July 8.—A family of Britons, were found dead suspected food poisoning amp site at Chantegrillet, St Etienne, today.

St Etienne police identi- he four this evening as eter Davies, aged 40, his and their two children, a f 14 and a boy of nine. gave their address as ea.

16-year-olds may leave school at spring holiday

Children of 16 will be able to leave school at the spring Bank holiday instead of the end of term under a new law which is to be introduced, Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education, said yesterday. That means that the minister has a place in the legislative programme (our Education Correspondent writes) for a Bill that will probably also compel "rebel" education authorities to submit plans to close grammar schools Page 2

Giveaway Concorde

Industrial espionage in certain European machine tool firms has resulted in the plans for building Concorde being handed over to the Soviet Union "in totality", Mr Normanton, Conservative MP, told the European Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday Page 4

Señora Perón gives in

Señora Perón, President of Argentina, has given way to union demands for approval of pay rises of up to 150 per cent. She had tried to peg increases to 50 per cent. She also agreed to dismiss three of her ministers, but insisted on keeping Señor Lopez Rega as her secretary Page 5

Israel denies report on agreement

Israel denied yesterday a report that negotiations for an interim agreement with Egypt were nearly completed. Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, before leaving for West Germany, where he is to meet Dr Kissinger on Saturday, advised against speculation on a deal before it is reached, "if it is reached at all". In Cairo, Mr Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, expressed surprise at the report Page 5

Diamonds riddle

After 95 years of argument, a scientist offers an answer to the question whether the Hannay diamonds were *manufactured*. Using a new method of analysis, Dr Alan Collins, of King's College London, has shown that all nine stones are of natural origin Page 4

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Chancellor's clarion call to Labour MPs to back pay-curb policy

By David Wood
Political Editor

"The Chancellor of the Exchequer was in a grim and fighting mood this evening and he made a clarion call to Labour backbenchers to support his pay-curb policy", Mr Cledwyn Hughes, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party said after a meeting at the House of Commons last night.

Mr Healey said: "We cannot afford to let the national wage bill go up by more than 10 per cent if we are to get inflation down by 10 per cent, which is my firm objective.

"We must convince those who settle early in the wage round—the lowest-paid, like the local authority manual workers—that they are not going to be made fools of later on by those using brute force. The Government must stand up to any action in the public sector.

"We have had a week's grace. There are people who control the trapdoor and they are waiting for the Government's announcement.

"I am not proposing to come to the House to introduce a policy that fails to carry conviction abroad and which would merely involve me in having to come back in a few days with another policy.

"We are faced with a hard and difficult year, and I ask for the Parliamentary Labour Party's support in the policies the Government will introduce in a few days."

Mr Healey was addressing a special meeting of the PLP at which members of the *Tribune* group had shown their hostility to the proposals he announced in the Commons on July 1.

The Chancellor said he believed there was a passionate desire among an overwhelming majority of people in the country, including most Labour supporters, that the Government should now deal decisively with inflation.

There was a special urgency now, he said. Last year Britain was in the highest bracket for inflation; this year her inflation was two or three times higher than anybody else's. There had also been a 5 per cent drop in the value of the pound, and creditors abroad would not leave their money here if Britain continued on her present course.

Mr Healey went on to say that if Britain did not tackle inflation now there might be a 10 per cent cut in the standard of living and a 10 per cent cut in expenditure. "Or", he went on, "we should have to crawl to the IMF and accept the terms they imposed on us."

Replying to left-wing advocates of import controls, the Chancellor said that they would worsen inflation because they would send prices up. On the social contract, he said the Government and a majority of the unions had kept their part of the bargain, but a minority of the unions had broken the contract.

Still replying to left-wingers who had intervened in the discussion, he said the TUC and others recognized the unique extent to which the Government had carried out its pledges.

Mr Hughes commented afterwards that the Chancellor was not announcing the policy that would be developed in the White Paper, "he was spelling out what are the options and what would happen if successful policies were not implemented".

Mr Percy Clarke, director of publicity at Transport House, commented: "It was a tough speech, trying to make people face realities."

Plight of the poor: Pressure is building up within the Labour Party to ensure that Mr Healey's forthcoming economic package does not adversely affect the poor (our Social Services Correspondent writes).

At least one Cabinet minister is involved in efforts to convince the Chancellor that measures already taken to help the poor have been eroded by inflation and that further steps are necessary if their position is not to worsen.

Labour's home policy committee has accepted the argument of a paper considered on Monday night that recent social policy has taken a U-turn which has adversely affected the poor. In particular, the paper was concerned that inflation levels have already eroded the value of increases in benefits; that the protection of poorer people provided by food subsidies is to be phased out; and that little has been done to help poor families through family allowances and child tax allowances.

It said: "Action to deal with inflation cannot be separated from either short term or long-term social policy objectives, yet the Government shows signs of trying to make just such an assumption."

The paper quoted government sources to show that the rich spend proportionately less of their incomes than the poor on the essentials of food and fuel, on which subsidies were being phased out. Without counter-balancing action, the paper said, the Chancellor would ensure that the poor were penalized more by inflation than other sections of the population.

The last Budget had contributed to the worsening picture by failing to increase family allowances or bring forward child benefits, by not raising the tax threshold enough, and by reversing subsidy and pricing policies. In addition inflation had eroded the increased benefits paid in April this year to below the level of July, 1974, and the forthcoming increase in November might be worth even less.

The paper suggested that the poor could be better protected in several ways. There could be a shorter delay between the announcement and implementation of new rates of benefit, more frequent increases, or better use of forward trends in prices and wages when settling the amount of increases.

Pensions and other benefits might be backdated, like wages or salaries. It was pointed out that the Crossman diaries recorded that a way of overcoming administrative difficulties was discovered in 1964.

£7,000 limit opposed: White-collar unions, whose members would have their pay frozen, protested yesterday against the TUC economic committee's proposed £7,000 limit for rises (a Staff Reporter writes).

Particularly strong complaints came from the electrical power engineers, whose general secretary described it as "a carve-up", and senior civil servants, whose leader said it was "economic illiteracy".

Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the Electrical Power Engineers' Association, said: "Any such agreement will be widely recognized as a carve-up at the expense of the white-collar and professional worker".

While the union recognized the need for special protection for the low-paid, it would be wrong to "use the crisis deliberately to discriminate against white-collar and professional workers".

Mr Gerry Gillman, general secretary of the Society of Civil Servants, said many thousands of his members would face a total pay freeze (the salary scale for a principal in the Civil Service now rises to £7,450). It would be totally unacceptable.

Such a cut-off point would be applied ruthlessly in the public sector, although £7,000 was not an exceptionally high income after tax.

Mr Geoffrey Drain, president of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), said £7,000 was too low. He would prefer a figure nearer £10,000.

Mr Alan Sapper, general secretary of the Association of Cinema, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT), angrily rejected the whole discussion of cut-off levels as "completely irrelevant" in the context of an entirely unacceptable wage-cutting policy.

Minister is ready to control shop prices

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Mrs Williams, Secretary State for Prices and Consum Protection, is working urgen on a contingency plan to re late directly the prices selected goods and some foo

Her action, requiring Cabi approval, is intended to supp the forthcoming measures pay restraint, to be outlined a White Paper after tod further talks between the T CBI and the Treasury.

It is believed that Williams can invoke claus of last year's Prices Act control the prices of foods such goods she may deem t "necessities normally the ject of recurrent expendi and significantly affecting cost of living for persons small incomes".

All that is required seem be an appropriate parliam ary order, which could be ported by compelling reta to display information on ch charged for specified good

The Chancellor and Williams have come u pressure from the TUC, Mr Jack Jones of the tran workers in particular, to fo the example of the Fr Government in tightening controls on a range of g varying from processed f and soaps to clothing, croc and other household items.

Mrs Williams's advisers studied the French con which are being applied the autumn, supported p margin restrictions. Profit trictions already apply Britain under the general code arrangements adminis by the Price Commission.

The view in Whitehall is new curbs on food prices need to be imposed with because some manufact are in serious profit diffici Restrictions would need to down more on ren Retailers no longer operat voluntary agreement on prices which they nego last year with Mrs. Willia stop her invoking clau powers.

Mrs Williams apparentl lieves that there is scop acting directly on price some non-food goods, enco ing suppliers to develop omy products but leaving sumers free to choose b priced products where m controls are less stringent

It is not without impor that the Government has care to include the Retail sortium in its consultation industry since the Chanc emergency statement of last Friday.

The options facing the ernment over price co will be one of the main jects on the agenda when leaders of the CB cuss the impending in policy with the chairme senior directors of the largest 100 companies. that meeting the CMI hold an emergency sessi its grand council for fine cussions on the line the should take when it see Healey this evening.

Government move halts BBC pay deal

Pay negotiations for 15,000 monthly-paid staff at the BBC were frozen last night because of a Home Office request to await the White Paper on pay policy.

Mr Maurice Tinniswood, the BBC's director of personnel, told staff in a statement that the corporation was unable to offer salary increases in the meantime.

Agreement on 21 per cent rises for 5,000 weekly-paid staff was reached last week. They are due from August 3.

The monthly-paid staff were scheduled to receive increased pay on October 1. Negotiations, based on the agreement for the weekly workers, should have started about now.

A spokesman for the Association of Broadcasting Staff said: "This is the first time the Government has intervened to my knowledge. It is going to play hell with the internal system at the BBC.

"Certain of the weekly staff are now going to be higher paid than the bottom rung of the monthly men. Highly skilled craftsmen will be getting more than supervisors."

An eight-hour day in a panda car and patrols over two beats 'to obtain first-hand experience'

Chief constable takes a refresher course on his policemen's lot

From Clive Borrell
Exeter

Mr John Alderson, Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, has decided to take a refresher course to study the policeman's lot.

In a novel experiment he has walked two beats in Falmouth and Plymouth and yesterday he spent eight hours in the passenger seat of a panda car patrolling a 50-mile area in and around Barnstaple. At the end of the day he said: "I have learnt a lot. There is little point in framing policy for the force unless I have first-hand experience of the day-to-day problems of my officers."

During his panda car tour, which Police Constable Kenneth Clarke, the driver, described as quiet, Mr Alderson encountered a busy day. At his invitation I travelled in the back seat of the car as an observer.

Less than five minutes after we left Barnstaple police station, where we were briefed on a list of tasks, the radio, call sign Hotel Two One, ordered us to a reported break-in at a discount store. Within a few minutes we arrived to find another patrol car there before us. The proprietor, somewhat startled to see three police constables and the chief constable, regretted that we had been called to a false alarm. As compensation he made us coffee and then telephoned a complaint to the alarm company.

Back to routine, we carried out the most frustrating task of the day, attempting to execute warrants and serve summonses for non-payment of trivial fines. In each case we failed. Either the man we wanted had moved, was drinking somewhere in a pub, or in one case was at work.

As PC Clarke drew another blank, Mr Alderson commented: "It seems ridiculous that a highly trained officer with 12 years' experience of police work should have to waste his time in this futile exercise. I will try to devise a more sensible system so that officers can get on with police work instead of having to

Mr John Alderson: "I have learnt a lot."

chase around housing estates trying to put a piece of paper in somebody's hand."

On the way to a reported case of vandalism two girl hitch hikers tried to "thumb" a lift. Hotel Two One stopped and PC Clarke questioned them. The girls, both aged 17, had finished A-level examinations and were on their way to their homes in Bradford after a short holiday in Devon.

"Their parents know where they are. You have to check. It is surprising how many youngsters we stop and find they are missing from home or are wanted by the police in some other part of the country", PC Clarke said.

We drove to a garage where the owner complained that children had been smashing the windows of his cars. They left no clues.

Mr Alderson asked PC Clarke: "What are you going to do about it? Do you think you will catch them?"

PC Clarke, the father of two children, who has very definite views on discipline, said: "Doubt it. If I do I shall probably caution them instead of taking them to court."

Next we paid a courtesy call on the villagers of Landkey. A young mother complained of the speed of traffic through the village. Mr Alderson promised to get the traffic patrol to keep watch.

Driving back to Barnstaple we took a detour to a slate quarry to check the explosives store. The heavy padlocks were intact and the brickwork sound. It was one o'clock and time for lunch in the canteen. Two cups of weak tea, a salad and ice cream and our 45-minute break was over. Back to Hotel Two One.

The station sergeant had briefed us on the afternoon's work. Residents were complaining about rowdies late at night outside a public house. The licensee was given a warning.

The sergeant had told us to stand by the radio as he wanted us to investigate a case of "aggressive nudity". None of us was quite sure what that meant but we looked forward to finding out. We never did meet the aggressive nude, however; the complainant could not be traced.

Instead, we tried again, in vain, to serve more summonses. Then the radio called us: "Go to building site near railway station. Youth shooting at workmen." We raced to the site, lights flashing. The foremen told us: "He's over there and he's still got the gun in his hands." PC Clarke and Mr Alderson told me to stay in the car as they jumped over a garden fence.

Ten minutes later they returned. PC Clarke said: "It was a young lad with an air rifle. He said he was shooting rats. I gave him a ticking off and warned him to take better aim in future."

We returned to Barnstaple police station for debriefing, and unserved summonses and warrants were handed back to the station sergeant. "I'll try to serve them tomorrow night", PC Clarke said, with an air of despair.

Mr Alderson shook hands with PC Clarke. "Thanks for being such a good boss, I have enjoyed myself today", he said.

Later, at county police headquarters in Exeter, Mr Alderson sank into his office chair and relaxed. Then he chuckled: "What these chaps who have been accompanying me do not know yet is that I am going to invite them here to sit beside me so that they can see what it is like to be chief constable for a day. I promise them a very busy time."

16-year-olds may end their schooling at spring break

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

[illegible] of 16 to leave school at the spring Bank holiday instead of at the end of the summer term, Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced in a parliamentary written answer yesterday.

The announcement has wider implications for the seven or so "rebel" education authorities who are defying the Government over its request to get rid of selective schools. For it means that Mr Mulley has gained a place in the legislative programme for what will probably be a small Bill compelling those authorities to submit plans to close grammar schools.

Mr Mulley also dropped a hint that he will get rid of the present Easter leaving date of yesterday's announcement on that. At present, pupils becoming 16 between September 1 and January 31 can leave school at Easter. The spring Bank holiday is likely to be made the single leaving date for all 16-year-olds, not just those who become 16 between February 1 and August 31.

The new change should be in operation for the summer term next year. It was welcomed by teaching organizations yesterday and by Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Opposition spokesman for education and the arts, who said it was the policy Conservatives had been advocating for at least a year.

'Public hate spread to police'

Public hatred aroused by the [illegible] spread to the police [illegible] they questioned suspects, Mr John Field Evans representing three of the six accused of murdering the 21 bomb victims, said in opening their defence at Lancaster Crown Court yesterday.

He said the public feeling after the crime was one reason why the case was being heard in Lancaster, not Birmingham.

A feeling of hatred towards those thought responsible for the bombings plainly spread to those responsible for the interviewing of the people who were suspected", Mr Evans said.

Nine Irishmen have denied plotting to cause explosions. Six of them have denied murder in the bombings last November.

Mr William Power, aged 30, one of those accused of murder, agreed that he had told the police he was going to Ireland to bring back his brother when in fact he was going to attend the funeral of James McDade, who was killed when he tried to blow up Coventry telephone exchange.

Mr Power said that while he was held in Morecambe police station, he was punched on the head. "I turned round and they started punching me and I tried protecting myself with the overcoat I had. I put it up in front of me. I was called a dirty murdering bastard."

He said he denied having anything to do with the crime, but was "roughed up" for 20 minutes.

The trial was adjourned until today.

'Loyalist' flags shut Ulster plant

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The bitter and seemingly irreconcilable divisions in Ulster society have been underlined by the closure of one of [illegible] over the flying of "loyalist" flags.

Intensive discussions between the management, unions and civil servants failed yesterday to reach any compromise in the dispute, which led to the indefinite closure of the Grundig tape recorder plant by its German management last Thursday.

Trouble at the factory, situated behind high wire security fences on the outskirts of Belfast began after four Vanguard flags had been hung on walls of the shop floor by loyalists who form a minority of the 1,100 workforce. Many Roman Catholic workers downed tools in protest.

There has been underlying tension since the former general manager, Herr Thomas Niedermeyer, disappeared without trace in December, 1973. Many bizarre theories have since been put forward for his apparent kidnapping, one being that he was too sympathetic to Roman Catholic workers in a [illegible] housing estate.

Last night officials at Stormont Castle were privately expressing pessimism about an early solution to the dispute, which, it is feared, might seriously affect attempts to win fresh investment from Germany.

Dr Wolfgang Raabe, who succeeded Herr Niedermeyer, said yesterday that there was no question of the factory's reopening until what he described as "political emblems" had been removed. He added:

I urged those concerned to take the flags down, but I was threatened through the grapevine that if the flags were taken away something would happen to me or my family.

Yesterday an official spokesman for the Vanguard unionists emphatically denied that any threats had been made to the Grundig management by any party members. He said that three politicians had visited the factory on Thursday in an effort to solve the dispute, but found on arrival that it had been closed.

The Vanguard party maintains that the dispute reflects loyalist concern that their job position is being eroded. The Rev Robert Bradford, United Ulster Unionist MP for Belfast, South, one of the delegation that visited the plant, said:

The protest about the flags reflects the fears of the loyalist community in the factory that they are gradually being eased out. For that reason we have asked the department of manpower services to give us statistics to substantiate or alleviate those fears.

The department was unable yesterday to provide figures for the respective sizes of the two workforces at Grundig. But among senior government officials the view is that the German management has always been fair in spreading new jobs between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

Scargill group pay compromise

Continued from page 1

Yesterday's conference decision came at the end of an extraordinary day of policy somersaults by the Yorkshire miners. Faced with a composite resolution being recommended by the national executive, they first of all voted 10 to 7 to go back to their original militant proposal for demands of £80, £85, and £100 a week for the three chief grades in the industry, backed by the threat of industrial action. But after a hasty canvass of other area attitudes in which it was evident that they would be isolated they reversed their view in a 13—6 vote to support the executive line.

Contrary to the expectation of his fellow executive members, Mr Arthur Scargill, the Yorkshire mineworkers' president, did not spell out at the rostrum that the £100 target was not an immediate demand. On the contrary, he said it was "an absolute prerequisite now".

Mr Len Clarke, the Nottinghamshire area president, denied that that was the correct interpretation of the resolution. "We will get it when the nation can afford it. They are the people who have to foot the bill", he said.

Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, of the North-western area, complained of "grammatical con-tricks and Machiavellian moonshine" in the preparation of the compromise that led up to the agreed formula. His argument that "there is certainly no disposition among the vast majority of the NUM for industrial confrontation at this time" was greeted with scattered applause and shouts of "rubbish" from the Yorkshire miners. Other speakers from moderate areas echoed his view and there was a notable reluctance of left-wing coalfield leaders to rally to Mr Scargill's cause.

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Catholic headmaster says school selection is evil

By Our Education Correspondent

Mr James Rudden, headmaster of Bishop Thomas Grant Roman Catholic comprehensive school, Streatham, London, referred last night to the "evil of selection".

He told a speech day attended by Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science: "I cannot understand how one can be a Christian and accept selection. The Church has always stressed the brotherhood of man and the rights of all unique individuals. Catholic means comprehensive.

"To me", he continued, "the Catholic comprehensive school is the expression of my faith. There are those who say that we should discontinue our Catholic schools because we cannot afford them. I heard Cardinal Heenan recently invite those who made such statements to reply to the letters he had every day from unhappy parents unable to find places in Catholic schools for their children."

He said it was not possible for selective schools, grammar or independent, secondary modern schools and comprehensives to exist side by side. As long as that separatist secondary school pattern persisted, some selection procedure would be necessary to allocate places to them.

"Eleven-plus selection continues to be an evil of our times, an anachronism produced by the tenacity of the English grammar school elitist system", he said.

One of the country's most prominent Roman Catholics is Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Opposition spokesman for education and the arts.

He replied last night:

As far as I know the doctrine that comprehensive schools must be supported by every one regardless of financial resources, educational considerations, parental wishes and local conditions is not part of the Christian gospel. What is part of it is that all children should be given the opportunity to develop their abilities to the full to the benefit of themselves and their families and of the entire country.

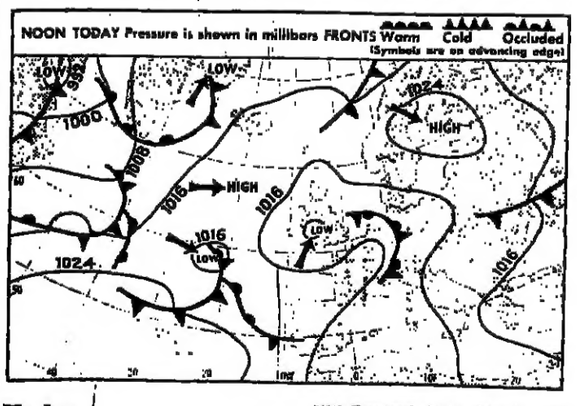
Mr Terry Casey, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters, another Roman Catholic, said: "I do not think this is a doctrinal matter at all. I objected to the 11-plus not because of selection but on educational grounds because of the finality with which it was operated and because so many children were not given a second chance."

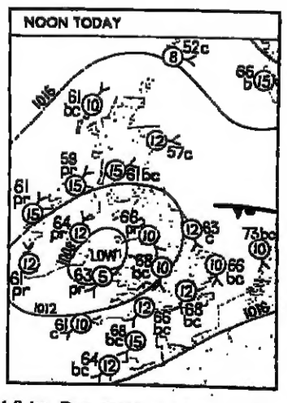
Four killed in trawler fire

The marine biology ship Challenger, based near Oban, was heading for Londonderry last night after picking up the bodies of four men missing from the trawler Granton Harrier. The trawler caught fire off the island of Barra about 3 pm yesterday and sent out a distress call saying her crew was taking to the rafts.

The Challenger was first on the scene and picked up 10 survivors, who were later flown by helicopter to Prestwick.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 4.54 am — Sun sets: 9.17 pm
Moon rises: 5.25 am — Moon sets: 9.9 pm
New moon 5.10 am.
Lighting up: 9.47 pm to 4.25 am.
High water: London Bridge 2.27 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 2.52 pm, 7.0m (22.9ft). Avonmouth 8.12 am, 12.9m (42.2ft); 8.31 pm, 13.2m (43.4ft). Dover 11.58 am, 6.4m (20.9ft). Hull 6.54 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 7.28 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Liverpool 12.10 pm, 9.0m (29.6ft).

A small depression is expected to move slowly N across Ireland to S Scotland.

Forecast for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S and Central N England, East Anglia, Midlands: Sunny intervals, scattered thundery showers; wind variable, light; max temp 21°C (70°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, Wales: Sunny intervals, scattered thundry showers; wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 21°C (70°F but cooler on coasts.

NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Rather cloudy, occasional rain, perhaps thunder; wind E, light or moderate; max temp 17°C (63°F).

E and NE England, Borders: Mainly cloudy, occasional rain, perhaps thunder; wind E, light or moderate; max temp 18°C (64°F) cooler on coasts.

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Showers and sunny intervals in most places; rather cloudy in N and E Scotland with rain at times; warm in S, rather cool in extreme N.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind variable light, becoming SW, light or moderate; sea slight.

English Channel (E): Wind SW, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 7 am to 7 pm, 25°C (77°F); min. 7 pm to 7 am, 14°C (57°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 53 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, .05in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 4.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,012.5 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Amsdm	f	28	82	Cologne	f	20	68	L Palmas	s	21	70	Nice	s	26	79
Athens	s	24	75	Copenhgn	s	22	72	Lisbon	c	21	70	Oslo	s	26	79
Barcelona	f	25	77	Dublin	r	13	57	London	c	20	68	Paris	c	26	79
Belfast	s	18	64	Edinburgh	c	14	57	Luxembrg	s	27	81	Reykjavik	c	10	50
Berlin	s	30	86	Florence	s	30	86	Madrid	s	27	81	Rome	s	25	77
Bermuda	c	29	84	Funchal	s	23	73	Majorca	s	29	84	Ronldsvy	c	19	66
Biarritz	s	23	73	Gibraltar	s	27	81	Malaga	s	25	77	Stockhlm	f	21	70
Birmghm	c	18	69	Guernsey	s	18	64	Malta	s	28	82	Tel Aviv	c	27	81
Bristol	c	19	66	Helsinki	f	18	64	Manchstr	c	18	64	Toronto	c	30	86
Brussels	f	26	79	Innsbruck	f	28	82	Moscow	f	20	68	Venice	s	27	81
Budpest	s	26	79	Istanbul	s	28	82	Munich	s	26	79	Vienna	s	26	79
Cardiff	f	19	66	Jersey	s	23	73	Naples	s	27	81	Warsaw	s	27	81
								New York	c	25	77	Zurich	s	27	81

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, July 8

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	Max temp °F	
E COAST					
Scarborough	—	.02	15	59	Rain pm
Bridlington	0.7	—	15	59	Cloudy
Gorleston	7.9	—	19	66	Sun ints
Clacton	2.7	.02	19	66	Thdr pm
Margate	3.8	.07	22	72	Shwr am
S COAST					
Hastings	5.0	—	20	68	Sun ints
Eastbourne	7.4	.62	22	72	Sun ints
Brighton	7.4	.33	21	70	Sun ints
Worthing	7.9	.30	21	70	Sun pds
Southsea	8.1	.41	23	73	Sun pds
Sandown	4.2	.53	28	82	Sun pds
Bournemouth	9.7	.15	20	68	Sun pds
Falmouth	7.9	.10	21	70	Sun pds
Torquay	8.3	.25	20	68	Sun pds
Falmouth	1.9	1.11	17	63	Shwr am
W COAST					
Morecambe	4.9	.02	20	68	Shwr pm
Blackpool	2.1	.02	20	68	Rain am
Ilfracombe	6.0	—	23	73	Sun ints
Newquay	4.4	.88	19	66	Shwr am

Pollen count: The pollen count in London yesterday was 42. Low.

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, BFr 25; Canaries, Pes 40; Denmark, DKr 3.75; Finland, Fmk 2.60; France, Frs 3.00; Germany, DM 2.00; Greece, Dr 35; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 450; Luxembourg, Lf 20; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 50; Sweden, Skr 3.75; Switzerland, SFr 2.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

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Warning after second victim of rabies dies

A Staff Reporter

Mr Valwynne Ingham, aged 37, a New Zealand agricultural scientist, died in the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London yesterday, three months after being bitten by a rabid puppy in the Gambia, West Africa. He had been under intensive care

Professor Ian McIntyre, dean of the faculty of veterinary medicine and a close friend of Mr Ingham, reiterated his warning to the British public to observe strictly the quarantine regulations, the only real defence against the importation of rabies.

Customs officials last year discovered more than 200 dogs and cats, and more than 1,500 other mammals, being brought illegally into this country. An unknown additional number were smuggled in undetected.

Abortion committee queries missing tapes

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The authors of the controversial book *Babies For Burning*, when they appeared on Monday before the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, were asked why they had failed to produce tapes covering some of the evidence that had caused most consternation about private abortions.

Mr Michael Litchfield and Mrs Susan Kentish brought transcripts and tapes totalling 48 hours of conversations, but under questioning said one tape was still with the Director of Public Prosecutions, who is considering whether criminal charges should be brought. That tape covered conversations with a doctor alleged to sell foetuses to soap factories.

The authors said one or two other tapes were with their defence solicitors. Another was being searched for at the *News of the World*

Members questioned the authors about their statement at the beginning of the book that the allegations against named people and organizations could all be substantiated with taped interviews. Mr Litchfield said he thought in retrospect that that statement should have been qualified.

There was no recording of their joint interview with Mrs Pauline Crabbe, counsellor at the Brook Advisory Service in London, although it was quoted in the book. Mrs Kentish said the interview had not been recorded because, by mistake, she had switched off her hidden tape recorder as they went in to see Mrs Crabbe.

The book implied that Mrs Crabbe had persuaded Mrs Kentish to have an abortion against her will. Mrs Crabbe, who was at the hearing, said afterwards that she remembered the interview very clearly.

"I have no hesitation in saying that they totally distorted the interview", she said.

Settlement hoped raised in stables dispute

From a Staff Reporter
Cambridge

Hopes of a settlement [illegible] 11-week-old stable lads' di are stronger today in spi the dismissal of 12 stable by two Newmarket trainers the weekend.

A meeting at Camb yesterday chaired by the pendent Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, tween the Newmarket Trai Federation and Transport General Workers' Union, representing the 160 striking reached "some measure agreement" before talks adjourned.

Mr Samuel Horncastle, union's district officer, both sides had reached ment on a number of p to be put to the lads Another meeting between trainers and the union wi held on Sunday.

The lads, who have been an extra £3 a week by trainers, want a further £

Journalists get notice

Members of the Natio Union of Journalists emplo by the *Birmingham Post* w told by letter last night they had terminated their c tracts by refusal to w normally. They have been dispute over pay.

Ferry in collision

A British Rail ferry was hol and a Naval minesweep damaged when they collided Portsmouth harbour. No o was hurt.

TIME
Can capitalism survive?
Britain's stinking pound
Israel's secret raid
Taiwan's secret bomb
Rome's holy war
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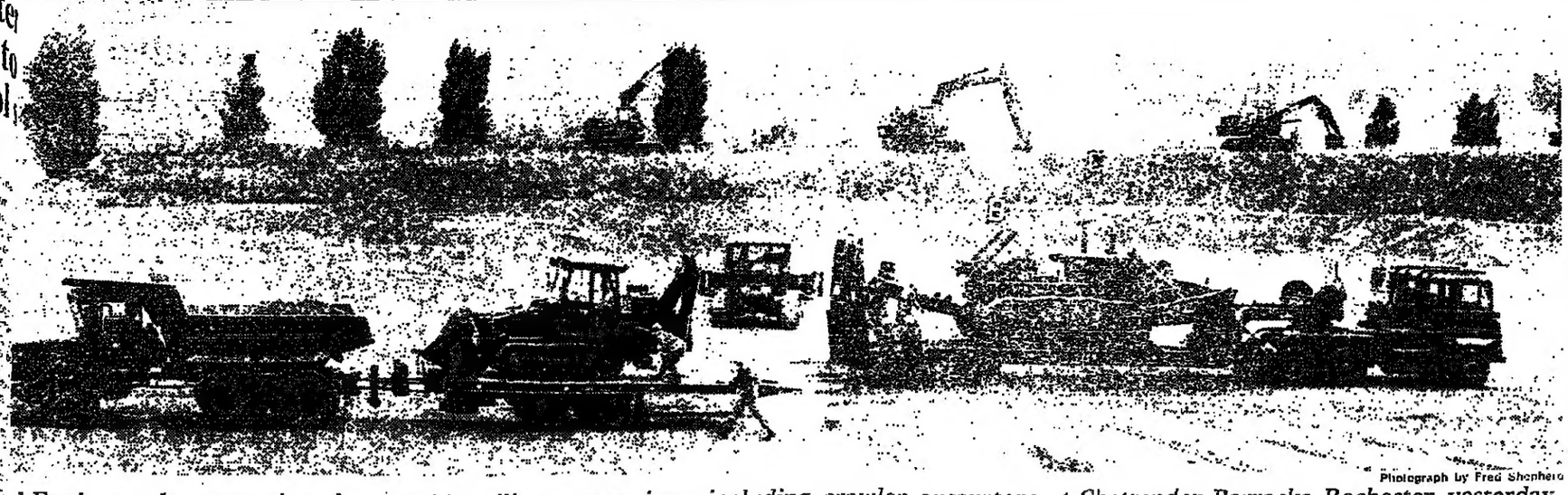

Photograph by Fred Shepherd

al Engineers demonstrating plant used in military operations, including crawler excavators, at Chattenden Barracks, Rochester, yesterday.

Paris terrorist linked with London attack

By Stewart Tendler

Detectives hunting Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, now thought to be the real name of Carlos Martinez, are investigating the terrorist's possible connexion with the shooting of Mr J. Edward Sieff in 1973.

Mr Sieff, president of Marks and Spencer, was wounded in the face when a young man burst into his home in St John's Wood, London, on December 30, 1973, armed with a 9mm pistol.

One description of Mr Sanchez resembles the description of Mr Sieff's attacker which was issued after the shooting. Yesterday the police in Venezuela, where Mr Sanchez was born and where his family now live, described him as 5ft 11in tall, with dark brown hair and an oval face, and aged 25.

The man who attacked Mr Sieff wore a mask over the lower part of his face, which meant that witnesses could not give details for a Photofit picture. However, Scotland Yard described him as being 5 ft 11 in with a dark complexion and aged about 25. Mr Sanchez has a dark complexion.

The French police, who initiated the hunt for Carlos Martinez after he had killed two policemen and a Lebanese prisoner, believe he has connexions with a string of terrorist groups including those in the Middle East. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the shooting of Mr Sieff.

At the time of the Sieff attack Mr Sanchez was living with his family in a rented flat in Phillimore Court, above Kensington High Street. Mr Ronald Beet, the porter at the flats, said yesterday that the family were away during Christmas, 1973.

When the police visited Mr Beet last week they did not ask about any particular period but were interested in visitors. The flat became vacant in February and mail was collected by a friend of the family. Mr Beet said that five weeks ago Mr Sanchez arrived himself to pick up half a dozen letters.

Mr Beet said: "He told me he would be stopping in London with friends for a while". No mail has arrived since then.

Yesterday the police refused to comment on a report that Mr Sanchez was seen in Kensington at the weekend by a woman who knew the family.

Worst-off law centres get year's reprieve

iana Geddes

year's reprieve was given he financially worst-off bourhood law centres rday. Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Chancellor, unced that he would make 000 available to them for current financial year. out this money, five of 5 centres in England would st certainly have had to by autumn.

st year the Lord Chancellor £50,000 divided among London law centres in t, North Kensington, ney Green and West ney, a law centre in liff, and a legal advice re in Southwark, London. nnouncing the £100,000 it in a written reply to Lord diner in the Lords yester- , the Lord Chancellor phasized, as he had also e last July, that the grant ied no commitment to the ibility of future finance. also emphasized that the it, which is subject to liament's approval, did not strute any increase in his artment's total expenditure. r Peter Kandler, director of North Kensington law re, said: "We are saved. It is marvellous. Without this money we would have had to close in September." But he was disappointed that no longer-term decisions had been taken on the financing of law centres, which would enable them to expand and not simply cover their annual deficits.

The North Kensington centre, the first fo its kind in Britain, was set up in July, 1970, with short-term grants from various charities, all of which ran out last year. Two donations from private individuals amounting to £13,000, a grant from the Lord Chancellor's fund of £15,196 (the largest for any single centre), and a £7,500 grant from the Greater London Council, just saw it through last year.

Its estimated expenditure for this year is £50,000, which mainly goes to cover the very meabre salaries of the four full-time solicitors and nine supporting staff, who work five days and three evenings a week giving free legal advice and assistance. Unlike most other law centres, it does a lot of criminal work (at the cost of some hostility from local solicitors) providing it with an annual income from Legal Aid of about £15,000.

Larry Adler cleared of stealing toffees

Larry Adler, the American harmonica player, was cleared yesterday of stealing two boxes of toffees from a shop in Piccadilly, London. Sir Frank Milton, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, decided at Bow Street court that Mr Adler had no case to answer after hearing that he left the shop because he did not like queues.

Mr Adler told the court that he took the toffees from Robert Jackson's at a time when he lived just around the corner in Albany and was a regular shopper there.

He joined the queue but when the assistant asked who was next "there was always someone in front of me". He decided to go out and buy some railway tickets in the hope that the queue would be smaller when he got back. He did not put the toffees down because that would have meant going back through the queue to get to the alcove they came from.

Sir John Foster, QC, a character witness, said that Mr Adler had once offered to risk his life to play for the beleaguered Tobruk garrison.

New rules on violent pupils urged

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Changes in regulations concerning violent and disruptive pupils in schools were urged yesterday on Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, by Mr Terry Casey, leader of the National Association of Schoolmasters.

He recommended that section 33 of the 1944 Education Act should be amended to extend the category of maladjusted to antisocial and disruptive pupils. That would mean that they could be sent to special school units, "sin bins" as they are alternatively known, without having to be formally classified as maladjusted.

Recently the association disputed with Durham education authority whether a boy aged 14, who was suspended from Sedgefield comprehensive school, co Durham, for assaulting a teacher could be sent to one of these special centres. He had not been categorized by an educational psychiatrist as "clinically maladjusted".

A private inquiry under Mr Leonard Fayling, former chief inspector with the Inner London Education Authority, has been set up to resolve the dispute, which caused the county to close the school earlier this term.

Mr Casey at his first meeting with Mr Mulley also disclosed results of his association's survey of violence among schoolchildren.

Replies received from 846 secondary schools, about 18 per cent of the total, recorded 4,586 incidents of violence and 31,799 of deliberate destruction during the second half of last autumn term.

Mr Casey commented: "Although more than half the schools reported that incidents of violent behaviour were very infrequent, there were a significant number of schools, perhaps 500, where teaching was deliberately made less effective by a minority of students."

Mr Casey urged Mr Mulley to be seen to back authorities who prosecuted children and parents who assaulted teachers. Otherwise teachers would feel that no one in authority cared and would give up the struggle against disruptive children.

The survey also showed that there were 1,228 incidents of violence or disruption at 825 primary schools, about 5 per cent of the total.

Only seven primary schools, two middle schools, and 13 senior schools reported that violent incidents were very frequent. Violence was found to be five times more prevalent in secondary schools.

Mr Casey said: "The fact that 22 schools out of 1,844 said incidents were very frequent must be a matter of concern."

Authority orders body-scanner

The North Western Regional Health Authority, which runs 150 hospitals between Stockport and Lancaster, is to spend £250,000 on the first production model of the EMI whole body-scanner.

The equipment is said to be capable of revolutionizing the art of medical diagnosis. The scanner takes 20 seconds to gather data and several minutes to produce pictures of organs.

£1¼m building's 'deficiencies'

New Manx government offices in Douglas costing £1,286,000 and due to be occupied by more than 300 civil servants by the end of the month have "deficiencies" in their fire-safety provisions. Now the building's fire safety is to be reexamined, a Manx government spokesman said yesterday.

The "deficiencies" are believed to involve the lack of direction signs for exits.

amages award £2 raised £350,000

rtola SA, the Spanish ry. company, which was red on Monday to pay ,000 breach of contract ages to Evans Marshall & he London wine shippers, refused leave to appeal to House of Lords yesterday. rd Justice Buckley, presidin the Court of Appeal said ola would have to ask the se of Lords for leave to al.

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When the Court of Appeal e its decision on Monday, ns Marshall was pro- onally awarded all its costs, e than £130,000, against ola, subject to further ment.

Regional policies found to work better in Wales

From Trevor Fishlock
Cardiff

The variety of government regional policies work better in Wales than in any other assisted area in Britain, but they are still not good enough, says a report published today.

Between 1960 and 1972 the carrot-and-stick measures, such as regional investment incentives, government factories and grants and industrial development controls, generated between 70,000 and 80,000 new jobs in Wales. But that did not reduce unemployment because there were job losses in other industries and because more people, particularly women, needed employment.

The report adds:

Although the achievements of regional policy are substantial, they fell a long way short of what would have been required to solve the economic problems of Wales in the 1960s. A full "solution" to the imbalance in the Welsh labour market would have required between 200,000 and 250,000 new jobs. Regional policy would need to have been three times more effective than it actually was.

The report is the outcome of an independent study by Mr Barry Moore and Mr John Rhodes of the applied economics department at Cambridge University. Their work was commissioned by the Welsh Office.

The authors say that each new job created under regional policy in Wales cost the Exchequer an average of £2,500. But the cost should not be a constraint on more active regional policies in the future. There was a strong case for having more regional help rather than less.

The report concludes that there is no reason for a gloomy view about the prospects for Wales.

Active regional policies can bring about 6,000 new jobs into Wales each year. But unless policies are strengthened, further improvement will be gradual and it could take 20 or 30 years to achieve a full solution to the unemployment problems of Wales.

abour councillors urged declare gifts over £5

ur Political Staff

e committee set up by the ur Party to investigate the 's conduct at local govern- level recommends more iscipline for Labour coun- s.

ong 54 recommendations considered by the national ative committee are: that ift over £5 should be pub- declared, and very sub- ial gifts should be refused; no councillor should go to any company offering tality, and no such visit d be made without val.

he group should discourage chairman accepting hospi- individually offered to Should a visit be sary it should be included the minutes and an should always accompany councillor. The criterion d always be 'What value the visit be to the il?'"

ther recommendation is roceedings should be kept en as possible and there d be vigorous political igning to keep important issues before the public. report strongly recommends that a voluntary register of interests should be open to inspection. Groups should avoid placing on a committee any member whose professional interests are involved in the committee's work, and it is undesirable, other than in exceptional circumstances, for a member to serve on a county council and a district council at the same time.

On conferences, the committee says that Labour groups should themselves regularly review the value of conferences attended by councillors.

Referring to a code of conduct, the committee says that it would appear that a large number of councils have adopted the code of conduct as recommended by the Redcliffe-Maud committee

"Each Labour group should do its utmost to ensure that Labour councillors in particular act in accordance with the code and what is generally expected from Labour representatives on public bodies. Group officers, especially the leader and whip, should never hesitate to discuss with any member actions which are potentially harmful or which could be misconstrued."

Mr Heath feels the 'winds of moderation'

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, July 8

The "winds of moderation" have begun to blow in Britain, Mr Edward Heath declared today at Château Loudenne, near Bordeaux. "The majority of the British people are now prepared to back a government that takes the right measures and is seen to act in the national interest", he added.

Mr Heath was speaking as principal guest at a luncheon to mark the centenary of the purchase of the Médoc vineyard by the brothers Walter and Alfred Gilbey. The 200-hectare property was acquired from the Vicomtesse de Marcellus and today belongs to Gilbey's successors, the International Distillers and Vintners, now part of the Grand Metropolitan Group

Mr Heath declared:

I can think of no more appropriate or more delightful way of cementing our friendship with France, following the magnificent referendum result in Britain, than a visit to Château Loudenne on the occasion of your centenary celebration.

There is little hope of a centenary vintage of Loudenne's red and white wines. A hail storm in May destroyed the leaves and flowers on almost all the vines.

Teachers' merger

The Association of Teachers in Colleges and Departments of Education, which has 6,250 members, has voted to merge with the 50,000-strong Association of Teachers in Technical Institutions.

Fuel coupons 'obsolete'

Ration books and coupons for petrol and Derv issued during the 1973-74 fuel emergency are now obsolete and can be destroyed, Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, told the Commons yesterday.

rewsbury' ket might released soon

Eric Tomlinson, one of Shrewsbury two" building pickets, might be released prison next weekend, if trole Board, which is carry- ut a special review of his recommends his release. pecial review of the sen- on the other man, Mr Des n, will take place in Sep- r.

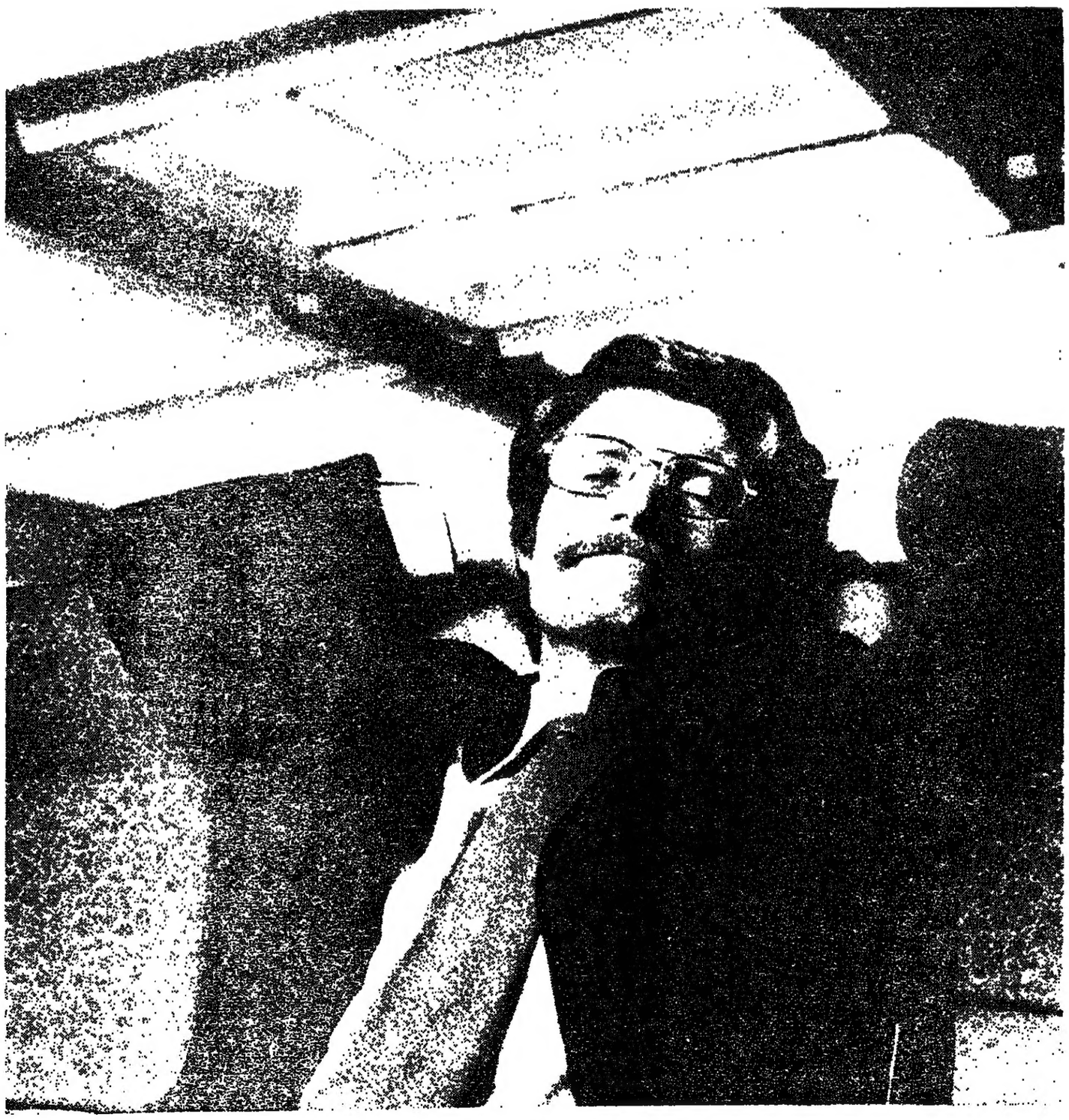
ren was sentenced to years' imprisonment and mlinson to two years after were convicted at Shrews- Crown Court in December, f conspiring to intimidate ng workers during a build- rike the previous year.

£700m Glasgow scheme to end 'deprived' tag

A £700m programme aimed at ending Glasgow's position as a "deprived area" has been drawn up by the city's district council, after talks with government ministers.

A total of £542m would be spent on housing, the rest being concentrated on schools, roads and public amenities. In the next five years 13,000 houses would be built at a cost of £170m.

A modernization scheme would be launched for both public and privately owned houses, incorporating renovation and improvement of many tenements.



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HOME NEWS

Local authorities face the fact that cuts in services are almost inevitable next year

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Local authority representatives emerged from a meeting with the Government yesterday knowing that substantial cuts in local government services are almost inevitable next year.

The Consultative Council on Local Government Finance met for nearly three hours under the chairmanship of Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, who was accompanied by six other ministers from the main government spending departments.

With the Government's White Paper package expected on Friday, no decisions were taken and no cuts were given in detail, but the council will meet again soon, probably within the next fortnight, so that the Government can discuss in detail with local government the implications of local authority spending of the package.

Mr Derek Pickering, chairman of the finance committee of the Association of County Councils, stated bluntly after the meeting that to maintain services at their present level next year very severe increases in rates or very substantial increases in the rate-support grant would be necessary. In the present economic circumstances he could not see either happening. That, he said, meant cuts in services.

He added that everybody was trying to find enough money to maintain services at their present level. "But what is now doubtful is the maintenance of present standards."

Mr Pickering said that local government must know before the parliamentary recess for the summer if there were to be cuts and where they were to be made so that local authorities could plan their budgets. Normally local government did not know until November what the government grant would be, which did not leave enough time.

Referring to negotiations between the Government and the unions, with the mention of a possible 10 per cent limit on wages and prices, Mr Pickering said that one of 10 per cent on council rents and other services would not be enough by any means to maintain local authority services at their present level.

Sir Lou Sherman, chairman of the London Boroughs Association and deputy chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, emphasized that point, saying that if a contract was agreed between the Government, unions and the CBI for a limit of £6 or 10 per cent, "it will not do for rents and rates to go sky high. That would make nonsense".

Sir Lou said the meeting showed that a sense of reality was creeping into discussions between central and local government on the need to contain expenditure.

Riddle of Hannay diamonds resolved

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

After 95 years, the controversy over the Hannay diamonds has been settled, Dr Alan Collins, lecturer in physics at King's College London, maintained at a conference in Cambridge yesterday.

The Hannay diamonds are puzzling survivals of the many claims by chemists at the end of the last century to have manufactured gemstones.

Some scientists suggested that the tiny crystals, a few tenths of a millimetre in diameter, were not really precious stones. However, X-ray tests in 1943 and later showed that all the specimens held by the Natural History Museum were genuine.

The question remained: had J. B. Hannay made diamonds more than seventy years before the technologists of the 1950s succeeded in synthesis with very expensive apparatus?

Using a new method of analysis, Dr Collins has shown that all the nine fragments are of natural origin. He explains how they may well have been recovered from Hannay's apparatus in a way that led the chemist to believe he had manufactured them.

The controversy began when Professor N. Story-Maskelyne of the British Museum wrote to *The Times* on February 20, 1880, confirming Hannay's discovery.

A number of chemists recognized that diamond was one of three possible forms of carbon, graphite, and amorphous carbon. That discovery led to the search for ways of manufacturing the precious stone from one of the other less valuable forms of carbon.

Hannay's attempts were less known. He devised a hazardous process of heating a mixture of bone oil, paraffin and lithium in sealed iron tubes four inches in diameter with a bore of half an inch. At red heat the paraffin "cracked," producing carbon and hydrogen; the gas caused enormous pressures to build up. On many occasions the iron tubes exploded.

But Hannay persevered and eventually claimed success in three out of 80 attempts. The tiny diamonds recovered were tested by Professor Story-Maskelyne by the three recognized criteria of hardness, by scratching sapphire, by burning when heated to 1,000°C in oxygen, and by the unique structure of the crystal.

In the past few years X-ray studies have confirmed that analysis. What Dr Collins has done is to provide the additional evidence for an accurate fingerprint to suggest the sources of the stones.

The technique known as cathodoluminescence causes diamonds to fluoresce when electrons given off by a filament of heated tungsten are shot at the stones in a machine operating at 50,000 volts. The colour of this luminescence is characteristic of the type of diamond.

When the light given off is split into its different wavelengths a detailed identity of the stone is obtained. Some characteristics in natural diamonds are not observed in the synthetic materials that can be made now by elaborate industrial process

Indeed, Hannay and some of his contemporaries were working along the right lines for producing the synthetic product, and were defeated by the limitations of technology in their day.

Doctors back free contraceptives

From Our Medical Reporter
Leeds

By a narrow majority doctors at the annual conference of the British Medical Association in Leeds, yesterday defeated a motion condemning the free provision of contraceptives at a time when National Health Service resources are severely restricted.

Dr A. E. Loden, a general practitioner from Tunbridge Wells, the mover, said the motion was a vote of censure on a frivolous policy in hard times. He served on a district management team and they had taken over the family planning clinics but they did not know what the cost would be. The team dealt with services costing tens and hundreds of thousands of pounds and it had been suggested to him that in that context family planning was peanuts. But in his view it was a frivolous use of money in a service to the healthy while the seriously ill had to pay prescription charges.

Dr Kathleen Frith, from Barking and Havering, and Dr Jean Lawrie of the BMA council, urged the meeting to defeat the motion. Dr Frith said the cost of the contraceptive service was small but the cost of the failure of contraception was large. Contraception came almost before anything else in the health service. If we had smaller families a lot of the ills of the community and the cost of them would disappear. Dr Lawrie said the motion was framed by "fuddy - duddy middle-aged men not interested in the welfare of the total family".

During a debate about the coming free movement of doctors within the EEC and the situation of overseas doctors practising here who, because they had qualified outside the Commonwealth were prevented from taking a place in Europe, Mr Walpole Lewin, chairman of the council, said he did not think there would be vast immigration of Continental doctors here. But he was worried about emigration, particularly of doctors in specialities which were in short supply in Europe, such as radiology, pathology, and anaesthetics, and in which there was no great language problem.

The meeting agreed to refer to the council a motion that if a doctor is registered to practise in one country of the EEC he should have the right to practise in any other. Mr Lewin assured overseas doctors that the BMA would look after their interests and that efforts would be made to change the EEC directives. But he hoped that they would accept that the immediate need was to get the directives started as they stood.

Dr A. Keable-Elliott told the conference that it was quite clear that if the Government decided to cut hospital services and facilities for patients the inevitable result would be more work for family doctors. So the work load might rise at a time when it was government policy to restrict income.

Doctors would play their part in the interests of keeping wages as low as possible, he said, but what would not be fair would be to limit doctors' wage increases to a set sum like a flat rate of £300 and on top of that increase the work load. They would not tolerate a steady increase in the work load of family doctors and a total freeze of their pay.

Greater freedom for trustees of museums

By Our Arts Reporter

Trustees of five national museums and galleries are given greater freedom to allocate funds and more responsibility for management under new grant arrangements announced by Mr Hugh Jenkins, minister with responsibilities for the arts, in a Commons written reply.

The effect of the new arrangements will be to make the five institutions—the British Museum, Imperial War Museum, National Gallery, National Maritime Museum and the Tate Gallery — accountable through their trustees for all their expenditure and receipts, in addition to the purchase grant-in-aid, which will continue to be separate.

"My consideration of the annual estimates of these institutions", Mr Jenkins told Mr R. C. Mitchell, MP for Southampton, Itchen, "will therefore in future be concerned more with policy and long-term objectives and less with detailed items of expenditure."

Solicitor acquitted over advice on breath test

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham

A solicitor who advised his client to refuse a breath test after a Christmas Eve death crash was in the dock yesterday in the court where he had prosecuted for seven years.

Dan Frederick Godfrey, aged 39, a former official prosecutor at Newark until 1970, pleaded not guilty to aiding and abetting his client in failing to supply a breath test without reasonable excuse. He was acquitted.

His counsel, Mr Brian Appleby, QC, told the magistrates: "If once a lawyer is inhibited from offering advice in a case because of a fear of prosecution, then we are in danger of becoming a totalitarian state. That was the situation which existed in some countries in the 1930s, where judges and lawyers were afraid to give advice."

Mr Christopher Hordern, prosecuting for the Director of Public Prosecutions, told the court that the client, Richard Cookson, aged 19, was taken to hospital with injuries after his car had been involved in a collision with another car, causing the death of a boy passenger, aged two. A doctor at the hospital gave his consent for the police to give Mr Cookson a breath test, but Mr Godfrey arrived and said to Mr Cookson: "The police officers are going to ask for a specimen of breath. I advise you to refuse." Mr Cookson refused to take the test.

Mr Hordern added: "It is clear that a solicitor has no right to advise his client to commit an offence. A solicitor is not entitled to use his judgment of the physical and mental condition of his client above that of the doctor who is in charge of the patient."

Mr Godfrey, of Church Street, Farndon, told the court that the hospital was a scene of absolute grief, with the dead boy's mother being comforted by relatives. In the middle of it all, carol singers began singing. He added that Mr Cookson was unable to understand what was being said because of his state of mind and injuries and was not fit to take a breath test.

Woman accused of killing son, blinding another

A mother blinded her baby son three years after murdering his half-brother, it was alleged at Altrinchan Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Mrs Georgina Kargaret Wilman, aged 29, of Whitley Place, Timperley, Cheshire, was committed in custody to Manchester Crown Court for trial.

Reporting restrictions were lifted.

She is accused of murdering James Anthony Muscroft, a son by a previous marriage, three years ago.

She also faces two charges of on John Wilman

Mr David Middleweek, for the defence, said Mrs Wilman would deny the murder charge.

Big response to Lesley Whittle tape broadcasts

From a Staff Reporter
Birmingham

There was a swift public response to the clarity of the taped message of the man wanted for the kidnapping and killing six months ago of Miss Lesley Whittle, aged 17, which was broadcast yesterday morning.

Police officers at the murder incident room at Kidsgrove, Staffordshire, said that by late afternoon they had received more than two hundred calls. The broadcasts were repeated yesterday evening.

The police believe that the taped recordings of two male voices belong to the killer and a hoaxer. Engineers and scientists at Scotland Yard and the BBC have improved the quality of the recordings.

Roses in 100 colours at RHS exhibition

By Our Horticultural Correspondent

Four exhibits of more than usual interest are at the Royal Horticultural Society's show in the new hall at Westminster. One, a group of roses, which earned a gold medal for John Mattock Ltd, contains 100 varieties, with five spare varieties in reserve.

The exhibit is living proof that rose colours do not clash, although I would say that 'Esther O'Farim', a kind of vivid poster orange, comes near to fighting with other rose colours. A new single floribunda rose 'Eye Paint', vivid scarlet, is worth watching, and among popular varieties are 'Whisky Mac', rich gold; 'Blessings', pink; and 'Alexander', salmon.

An exhibit, the like of which I have not seen at Westminster, is a collection of mainly golden and bronze foliaged heathers, varieties of calluna, and some dwarf conifers, from Windlesham Court Nursery.

Also of interest is a group of fuchsias, mainly standards and half-standards, very neatly trained to produce symmetrical heads, from John Crutchfield Ltd. They include 'Sleigh Bells', white, 'Snowcap', white and red, 'Golden Marinka', red with variegated foliage, and 'The Doctor', salmon.

From the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in collaboration with Mr Adrian Thompson, of Guyana, has come a collection of heliconias, plants reminiscent of strelitzias. They are mainly crimson, scarlet and gold.

There is an attractive group of border carnations, and a collection of herbaceous plants which includes *Campanula lactiflora* 'Superba', *Centaurea macrophylla*, yellow, and *Anthemis* 'Grallach Gold'.

For alpine plant lovers there are *Lewisia* 'Birch Hybrids', *Leptospermum nanum*, rhododendron hypoxis hybrids, and various dwarf conifers.

One neat exhibit contains a good selection of thymes, sages and other culinary herbs, and another consists of peony varieties.

The RHS Lily Group has exhibited a group of hybrids, including good blooms of *Lilium superbum*, *L.* 'Sonata', light salmon, and *L.* 'Greta Garbo', Luton. Three blooms. S. Radford trophy: J. Galbally.

Novices' classes: John Charrington & H. L. Flindt cup: N. Overington, Evesham.

Aggregate points. Wilkinson cup: N. J. Sinister, Birmingham; Howard de Walden trophy: E. L. Giles, Bromley; Bentley cup: Woodfield Brothers; Howard de Walden cup: Mrs F. Skinper, Norwich; Hedley Turner novice cup: L. S. Pye, Chingford; J. R. Carter cup for the best bloom in Division G, also the H. T. Mason trophy for the best bloom in the show (a seedling)—Woodfield Brothers. Best scented exhibit, W. E. Wallace cup, and six blooms, G. Monro cup: Woodfield Brothers.

The National Sweet Pea Society show which has been held in the provinces in recent years has come back to London once more, and amply fills the old hall at Vincent Square. There were few cancellations, and for once the weather has been fairly kind to the sweet-pea growers.

A RHS gold medal was awarded to the National Sweet Pea Society for a really excellent group which contained such modern varieties as 'Eclipse', rich lilac, 'Xenia Field', pink, 'Firebrand', scarlet, and 'Honeymoon', palest lavender. These, together with 'Noel Sutton', blue, 'Leamington', lavender, 'White Leamington', 'Summer Star', 'Margot', 'Carlotta', 'Alice Hardwicke', and 'Southborough' appeared frequently in the winning exhibits.

Leading prizewinners in the competitive classes:

Open classes: Twelve vases distinct, "Daily Mail" cup: A. Cave, Derby; nine vases, Sutton cup: J. W. Christopherson, Leicester; six vases, Carter cup: W. Harrison, Hinckley; three vases, Burpee cup: F. W. Shilling, Basingstoke; one vase picotee striped or bicolour, Hammett cup: M. Butterwick, Scunthorpe.

Affiliated Societies' class, Marlow and District Horticultural Society. Classes for amateurs with not more than 500 plants: nine vases, Davis cup: W. J. Land, Cranleigh; six vases, Robert Bolton cup: G. Wells, Dilkoff; three vases, *Lathyrus tingitanus*, G. F. Cantwell, Basingstoke.

Growers with not more than 250 plants: six vases, M. E. Franks cup: A. F. Pannell, Stevenage; three vases, Moore trophy: S. J. Frith, Liverpool.

Novices' section six vases, George Herbert cup: E. A. Sprinnell, Tunbridge Wells; three vases, Lyn Hines cup: A. J. James, Sandford-on-Thames.

Special awards: Clay cup for the best vase in the show: M. Butterwick, variety 'Homecoming': A. W. Dower seedling cup: B. R. Jones, Warwick; Cynthia Davis cup for best vase in Division IV: F. Morris, Reading, variety 'Alice Hardwicke'; Warwick cup for the best vase in Division V: J. A. Bufton, Nuneaton (variety 'Noel Sutton'); Randall cup for best vase in Division VI: A. J. James (variety 'Alice Hardwicke').

The show is open again today from 10 am to 5 pm.

The British Bonsai Association won a gold medal for an interesting group of dwarfed trees.

The following awards were made to plants:

First class certificates to Hebe 'Midsummer Beauty', lavender, from Mrs A. H. Potter, Wentworth; and to Border Carnation 'Susan Humphries', white with a purple edge, from Mr John Galbally, Hailsham.

Awards of merit to:

Border Carnation 'Reg Harris', yellow with a purple edge, from Mr N. J. Sinister, Birmingham; Border Carnation 'Sander's Supreme', yellow and lavender, from Mr F. Osborne, Orpington; Ascosenda suavissen 'Mont Millais', rosy red, and Vanda Memoria Fumiko Omura 'Mont Millais', lavender with darker markings, both from Mr E. E. Young, Jersey; Rhododendron 'Oklahoma', scarlet, from Major A. E. Hardy, Blythe; and to Acer truncatum with scarlet seeds, from Hillier & Sons.

There are some striking entries in the competition for hardy flowers. Leading prizewinners:

Six different genera hardy flowers: Mrs Buller, Surbiton (Sidalcea malvaeflora hybrid, and unnamed campanula, Heloenium 'Moerheim Beauty', Chrysanthemum 'Esther Read', Lythrum salicaria, and Alstroemeria aurantiaca); three herbaceous genera, Mrs W. V. Bowie, Twyford (Eryngium 'Spring Hills', Artemisia 'Gold Plate', and Campanula lactiflora alba); one herbaceous plant: Mrs M. Buller (Coreopsis 'Badengold'); one rhododendron: Mrs A. H. Potter, Wentworth ('R. 'Polar Bear').

There is an interesting exhibit of fruits from the RHS Garden at Wisley, and very creditable entries in the fruit and vegetable competition, although some of the vegetables were not really up to show standard. Leading prizewinners:

Three kinds of fruit: R. B. Buller, Surbiton; three kinds (restricted entry): R. B. Buller; six varieties of herbs: Miss S. M. Burrough, Oxshott.

The Delphinium Society held a small competition in conjunction with this show. The Sewell vase for the highest aggregate of points went to D. A. K. McGlashan, Swanley; the Mary Pope trophy for the best spike (variety 'Loch Nevis') to J. Tomblison, Sanderstead; the Society's bronze medal for one seedling spike to D. A. K. McGlashan

The summer show of the British National Carnation Society attracted entries of a very high standard. Principal awards:

Aggregate of points, Marquis cup: J. W. Radcliffe, Romford. Five vases, Gilbert Greenhall trophy, five vases, clove scented, Lady Hudson cup, and one vase, J. C. Lockwood cup: J. Galbally, Hailsham; one vase scarlet self, Will Drake cup: E. J. Dungey, Luton. Aggregate points, R. Thain cup: J. Galbally. Three vase classes, aggregate of points, Lockwood cup, and single vase classes, Martin Smith cup: C. C. C. King, Ormskirk. Two bloom classes, J. B. Wells trophy: T. Dungey,

WEST EUROPE

Confusion at Strasbourg among Labour MPs over vital issue of political union

From George Clark
Political Correspondent
Strasbourg, July 8

Although Mr Michael Stewart, leader of the Labour Party delegation, hopes to speak in the European Parliament debate in Strasbourg tomorrow, giving his views on the future development of the Community, there was great confusion among Labour MPs today about how they should act when they come to vote on Thursday on the important proposals on political union.

These are contained in the report from the political affairs committee presented by Mr Alfred Bertrand, a Belgian Christian Democrat. It proposes that there should be a single decision-making body which will be in the nature of a European Government, "independent of the national governments and responsible to the European Parliament" which will be directly elected, with the right to speak with a single voice on a variety of subjects including defence, foreign policy, and economic and monetary policy.

In advance of the arrival of the Labour delegation of 18, the European Socialist group had decided that, in general, they supported the far-reaching propositions in the report. Out of 49 members at that time, only 10 (the five Dutch, three Danish, and two Irish MPs) rejected the idea that the new European Government should take over responsibility for defence and foreign policy from the national governments.

The Dutch members of the group have tabled amendments to this effect, which will be debated tomorrow.

It now seems clear that, although the British Labour MPs were still in the dark about the details of other amendments from the Socialist group, most of them will support the Dutch initiative.

Mr Michael Stewart told me today: "The idea that because Europe is uniting more and more in many respects, we should support a proposal that Europe should be a separate power block equivalent to the Warsaw Pact or the United States, would be a great mistake.

"The real power groupings in our part of the world are Nato and the Warsaw Pact." As he indicated at a press conference yesterday, Mr Stewart believes that nothing should be done which implies that the European Parliament is in favour of changing the present defence arrangement.

It is only fair to add that the Dutch, Danish, and Irish socialists do not rule out the possibility that, one day, a European Government would take over defence and foreign policy; they simply assert that this question should be left over until the final stage of European unification.

Signor Mariano Rumor, the Italian Foreign Minister, and present chairman of the Council of Ministers, will speak early in the debates outlining the agenda and prospects for the summit meeting next week. He will then take up Mr Bertrand's report point by point and comment on it.

There seems little doubt that a combination of various parties, including the Gaullists and Fianna Fail, who believe the report should be dismissed contemptuously as a collection of "unrealizable aspirations", will bring about the deletion of the defence and foreign policy references.

The fact that the debate and the votes are taking place at all represents a defeat for the Socialist group. Through Herr Ludwig Fellermaier, its leader, it had requested the bureau of the Parliament, which arranges business, to delay the voting until the September session, so that the British Labour members could have time to study the many proposals in the Bertrand report and reach considered judgments.

However, Herr Fellermaier found no support from any of the other parties. They all want to give a clear indication to the heads of Government next week about the way in which they want European unification to proceed. The crucial votes will be taken on Thursday.

The Conservatives will get strong backing, notably from the Gaullists, who want to preserve the rights of national parliaments, for an amendment which will delete the recommendation that the new European Government should act "independent of the national governments".

They will also press for an amendment to the recommendation that the Council of Ministers, in the interim period, should abandon the principle of unanimity. They will insist that the method of voting should be "by majority whenever possible".

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Britain is chided by the EEC over oil

From Michael Hornsby
Strasbourg, July 8

Britain was accused today of allowing its concern to protect North Sea oil resources to become a "psycho-analytical obsession" contrary to logic and reason. The accusation came from Mr Henri Simonet, the EEC Commissioner for Energy, answering questions in the European Parliament.

He said that Britain should stop treating oil as "a fetish". The British were strangers to Cartesian logic, but it was absurd of them to ask the EEC partners to organize a system of price protection for North Sea oil and "in the same breath insist on keeping it all at home".

Mr Simonet's response which enlivened an otherwise dull debate on the Community's energy policy was provoked by questions from Mr Tom Dalyell (Labour, West Lothian) and Mr John Osborn (Conservative, Sheffield, Hallam).

Mr Dalyell is one of the Labour group of 18, which is making its first appearance in Strasbourg this week. He had expressed concern about a parliamentary motion calling for as large as possible a proportion of crude oil consumption to "be met from Community deposits" in the future.

Presumably North Sea oil was regarded as being among such deposits. Mr Dalyell said, adding that this was "a highly political potato for some of us". There might be a more relaxed attitude about it in Britain if there were evidence of an effective Community policy on the development of alternative energy sources.

Mr Osborn said that huge sums of British and foreign money had been "poured into the North Sea". What was needed was clear progress towards agreement on the establishment of minimum prices for oil to guarantee the protection of that investment.

"You cannot ask others to guarantee for your expensive oil", Mr Simonet retorted, "and then say: 'We are not exploiting it because we want to keep it or because we want to fix the rate of depletion.' The British could "not have both ways".

Earlier Mr Simonet had described discussions on setting of floor prices for oil as a somewhat "liturgical debate". Alternative sources of energy had first to be developed and only then could ways of protecting them be seriously considered.

The greatest need, Mr Simonet said, was "for a political decision" at Community level to push ahead vigorously with the development of alternative energy sources. This ought to be high on the agenda of the summit of European heads of government in Brussels later this month.

Portugal's leaders in talks on crisis

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, July 8

The members of the Portuguese Armed Forces Assembly are holding a meeting today which observers consider to be of fundamental importance for the future of the revolution.

The 200 officers and men, under the leadership of President Costa Gomes, are believed to be discussing their recently announced policy programme, austerity measures to deal with the economic situation, the crisis in authority, policy on the information media, the situation in Angola, the formation of workers' revolutionary committees, and internal structural details of the Armed Forces Movement itself.

The meeting is the first to be held since the AFM recently designated itself officially as the Movement of Liberation of the Portuguese People.

It comes after a week of unrest

The Communist Party's political committee early today issued a warning against the activities of "certain political groups and their leaders" who were trying to change the power system and interrupt the revolutionary process. It accused the Social Democrats of wishing to change the coalition Government by ousting the Communist members and those of the ideologically similar Portuguese Democratic Movement (MDP) in favour of Socialist, Social Democrats and members of the Popular Democratic Party (PPD).

The PPD was today distributing a document on the economy. It points out that foreign currency reserves are rapidly running out, and gold reserves will last only eight or nine months. The flight of capital has ben serious, production is down, emigrants' remittances have dwindled, and private investment has been discouraged by legislation.

Marseillaise with a bit more fervour

From Richard Wigg
Paris, July 8

The way the "Marseillaise" is played still does not completely satisfy President Giscard d'Estaing. For this year's celebrations of July 14 the President has given fresh instructions to Lieutenant-Colonel Roger Boutry, the musical director of the Garde Republicaine.

Last year, the President evoked cries of outrage among traditionalists when he ordered that the tempo of the "Marseillaise" should be slowed down during the July 14 parade, arguing that Rouget de Lisle's original melody composed during the French Revolution ought to sound "majestic and noble" rather than martial.

He appears to have made certain concessions for this July 14, with a return to the use of big drums and cymbals, which the French associate with national fervour.

Hope for European summit at end of the month

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, July 8

The conference on security and cooperation in Europe is now straining to complete its work this weekend, so that the Helsinki summit can take place at the end of the month, possibly spilling over into the first days of August.

Some progress has been achieved in the formulation of follow-up measures. But the Turks are said still to be adamant on a more restricted zone—62 miles applying only to them—in which they would give their neighbours advance notice of military manoeuvres.

Otherwise, the manoeuvres parameters accepted by both Nato and Warsaw pact states are notification of a minimum 21 days on movements within 150 miles of frontiers and applying to troop strengths of upwards of 25,000.

Despite the various last-ditch obduracies, many delegates remain confident that the conference will be successfully concluded within a week.

Arrest of priests and nuns in Equatorial Guinea

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, July 8

President Francisco Macias of Equatorial Guinea has jailed all the Roman Catholic priests and nuns in the mainland province of Rio Muni, refugees from Equatorial Guinea said in Madrid today.

Exiles from the small West African country also claimed that priests of the island province of Francisco Macias are no longer allowed to say Mass. The Rio Muni priests, numbering between 15 and 20, were imprisoned a month or more ago, the sources said.

The arrest of all the nuns in Catholic nuns in Rio Muni took place in May, according to the exiles. All of the nuns there were allegedly ordered to appear before President Macias when he was beset by doubts about their loyalty.

The apparent official reason for the round up of priests and nuns is the reluctance of clergymen to read out requisite texts of praise for the President during religious services.

Wine fraud sentences cut

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, July 8

A Bordeaux appeals court today reduced the sentences on several of the key figures in the 1973 Bordeaux wine fraud scandal.

The cousins Lionel and Yvan Cruse had their sentences cut to 10 months' imprisonment each with remission, in place of the one year's sentence imposed last December. The fine was reduced from 27,000 to 20,000 francs (more than £2,000).

Pierre Bert, the principal accused, had his one-year sentence upheld, but he was awarded six months' remission, meaning he now can go free. His fine was also cut to 20,000 francs.

Defence lawyers argued during the May hearings that the sentences were too severe on charges which essentially concerned doctoring cheap white wines with ordinary red wines and labelling the result as quality Bordeaux.

The sentences by the appeals court were even milder than first realized for it emerged this evening that all the accused will benefit from an amnesty law passed after the election of President Giscard d'Estaing which wipes the slate clean for those receiving minor sentences. The fines imposed will thus be the only penalty.

Mr Abdallah is elected President of Comores

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, July 8

Mr Ahmed Abdallah, had himself elected President of the Comores Archipelago last night by its Chamber of Deputies. The French islands in the Indian Ocean had unilaterally declared their independence on Sunday.

Mr Abdallah, who received 32 of the 33 deputies' votes, was the former Prime Minister.

The French Cabinet is to decide tomorrow its response to the unilateral declaration of independence.

Italian transport workers to strike today

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, July 8

About one million transport workers will strike for four hours tomorrow to back demands of their unions for improvements and for implementation of promises already made by the Government on expenditure in the field of transport.

The unions point out that the strike is one of a series intended to place pressure on the Administration to face up to the country's economic difficulties.

Russia 'given Concorde secrets'

From Our Political Correspondent
Strasbourg, July 8

Plans for the building of the Concorde aircraft have been handed over "in totality" to Russia as a result of industrial espionage in some European machine tool firms, Mr Tom Normanton, Conservative MP for Cheadle, alleged in the European Parliament today.

His firm declaration about Russian espionage caused considerable comment, and he said afterwards that he stood by his statement. Design secrets, he said, were obtained by the Russians at an early stage in the development of the Concorde through European machine tool firms which had contracts with the West and also with Egypt, Romania and other iron curtain countries.

The firms, which he refused to name, were in the Community and in Austria. He said they received the Concorde's designs in the course of contracts under which they were to design machine tools for the construction of components for the aircraft.

"It is no coincidence that 'Concordski' is the spitting image of the Concorde", Mr Normanton said.

He was certain that there was an arrangement between people in European firms and the Russians to "drop a copy to Moscow" when new design information was received about the Concorde.

He asked for an assurance from Dr Guido Brunner, the Commissioner for Research, that stricter precautions would be taken to maintain the secrecy of work undertaken by European firms.

Replying to the debate on research, Dr Brunner said that the Community, in principle, did not have any secret operations and was very willing to cooperate with third countries, although this did not mean that it neglected its own interests.

Our Air Correspondent writes: Mr Normanton gave voice to rumours which have been heard for many years in the British aerospace industry. It has long been recognized that the Soviet supersonic airliner, the Tupolev Tu144, bore at least a superficial resemblance to the Concorde.

Leaders of the industry have always pointed out that the similarities are only superficial, and that if any two teams of designers were given similar briefs to which to work, they would inevitably come up with aircraft which were very close to each other in appearance and performance.

Saudi ban lifted: A planned proving flight by Concorde from Heathrow to Bahrain was cancelled yesterday when Saudi Arabia withdrew permission for the aircraft to fly over its territory. The ban was later lifted and flights will be resumed on Friday.

A British Aircraft Corporation spokesman said the Saudi Arabians had wanted to study the results of noise level tests on the first proving flight on Monday before giving the all-clear.

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Woman shot in police trap

Rome, July 8.—A young woman who resisted arrest was shot dead today after she walked into a police trap in the hideout of an extreme left-wing urban guerrilla group.

Police said they went to a Rome apartment after receiving information that it was used by the "Armed Proletarian Nuclei", a guerrilla group held responsible for kidnapping, bombings and inciting prison revolts.—Reuter.

Jail for royal kidnap plot

Arnhem, July 8.—Four Indonesians, ringleaders in a plot discovered in March to storm the Royal Palace and take Queen Juliana of The Netherlands as hostage, were each jailed for five years here today.

Others involved received sentences of up to four years' jail. Their plot was to back demands for independence in the South Moluccan islands.—Reuter.

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Reports on accord with Egypt premature', says Mr Rabin before leaving for Kissinger talks

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, July 8

The Israel Foreign Ministry firmly denied a BBC report that negotiations for an interim agreement with Egypt were almost complete. The report was also dismissed as "premature" by Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, before he left on a visit to West Germany.

Mr Rabin advised against speculation on the clinching of a deal before it was reached, "if it is reached at all".

Foreign Ministry spokesman said the report was incorrect both as a whole and in specific details. Talks were still at the stage of questions and clarifications. Some progress had been made, but further clarification would be needed.

The spokesman also said there was no visit impending by Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State.

The sharp tone of the denial indicates that negotiations have reached a delicate stage. It may have been calculated to prevent another dispute with Washington about leaks from Israel.

Mr Rabin will meet Dr Kissinger in Bonn on Saturday, and no clear picture may emerge until after their talks. Mr Simha Dinitz, the Israel Ambassador in Washington, is understood to have received some satisfactory replies to his requests for clarifications.

The difficulty in these three-cornered negotiations is that Israel and Egypt both have to study on the American interpretation of what the other is offering. There is suspicion here that Dr Kissinger sometimes led Israel to believe that Egypt's position was closer to its own than it really was, in the hope of winning extra concessions.

The BBC report was clearly not without some substance. It appears to have been based partly on remarks attributed to "a senior source" who briefed correspondents on Sunday.

The "senior source" had indicated that a possible agreement was in prospect based on a compromise on the thorny issue of control of the Sinai passes and on other matters. These included the return of the Abu Rodeis oilfields, the time-scale of an agreement, an early warning system for both sides and Egypt's role in the Arab boycott of firms dealing with Israel.

It was suggested that Israel might retain control of the eastern end of the passes to a depth of two miles. Observers in Jerusalem though have since speculated that to meet Egypt's demand for a complete withdrawal, the Israel Army might be stationed outside the passes, but the official Israel line would run two miles inside them. This would imply the use of mobile patrols.

The Egyptians were reported to have agreed to an early warning system on condition that the posts were manned by Americans and not Israelis. Israel objects to this, arguing that outsiders cannot be relied on in matters of security.

Broad agreement was also said to have been reached on the return of the Abu Rodeis oilfields, with an Egyptian civil administration in the strip along the coast but with Israel retaining control of a road to the east.

Other points close to agreement were said to be a relaxation by Egypt of the ban on American firms dealing with Israel and an understanding that the United States would not press Israel into an interim agreement with Syria.

It was proposed, reports said, that interim agreements would run for three years from the time of Israel's withdrawal, though this would be done by an annual renewal of the mandate of the United Nations force in Sinai.

If the clarifications Mr Rabin is seeking are resolved in his meeting with Dr Kissinger, he will probably convene the Cabinet next week to consider the new position. But there is still considerable resistance in Israel to the return of the passes and Abu Rodeis, both among right-wing opposition and the ruling Labour Party.

It is doubtful whether the minor safeguards suggested will be acceptable to the critics. Only a week ago a senior Army officer said that 5km (3 miles) was the absolute minimum depth of the passes which must be retained.

Gretel Spitzer writes from Berlin: Mr Rabin arrived in West Germany today for the *first official visit paid by* an Israel Prime Minister.

He and his wife landed at Frankfurt, and were taken by a special flight to Hanover from where he visited the former concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen.

Cairo, July 8.—Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, said today that Egypt was surprised by the reports that Egypt and Israel had already agreed on a new interim peace agreement in Sinai.—UPI.

President of Argentina gives way to unions

Buenos Aires, July 8.—Trade union leaders in Argentina today cut short a 48-hour general strike after Señora Perón, the President, yielded to their wage demands, the General Labour Confederation said. The strike was cut short 10 hours before it was due to end at midnight.

A statement said Señora Perón had agreed to ratify wage agreements, negotiated freely with employers, giving workers increases of up to 150 per cent in their pay. Ten days ago she had reduced the wage increases to a uniform 50 per cent.—*Reuter.*

Jane Monahan writes from Buenos Aires: It appeared that Señora Perón had also given way to the trade union demands for the dismissal of three ministers, including Señor Lopez Rega, the Social Welfare Minister, who is the President's closest political adviser.

Labour sources said, however, that the General Confederation of Labour had agreed to President Perón's insistence that Señor Lopez Rega should remain as her private secretary and secretary-general of the Government.

The other two members of the Cabinet to be dismissed were Señor Rodrigo, Minister for the Economy, and Señor Conditti, Minister of Labour.

Señor Rodrigo's emergency package of austerity measures, announced on June 4, began the crisis by devaluing the peso by 50 per cent, raising fuel prices by up to 170 per cent and allowing most other prices to soar by at least 100 per cent, provoking massive pay claims.

As the crisis has developed, it has become clear that important institutions in the country are swayed as much by political as economic considerations.

Evidence of this is the fact that by Thursday, when normal activity is due to be resumed (tomorrow is a national holiday, the anniversary of Argentina's independence), partial stoppages, wildcat strikes and walk-outs before the 48-hour general strike, will have kept Argentina at a standstill for 13 days at an estimated cost of about £350m, or 15 per cent more than the value of Argentina's foreign reserves.

Trade union leaders are aware of this cost but together with the workers, they have made it plain they want Senor Lopez Rega to go. On the political front Congressmen have at times grown so angry on the issue of his resignation that they have threatened to dissolve the ruling coalition, at the risk of splitting the Peronist party irrevocably.

The armed forces have also appeared to get so little satisfaction from discussions with Señora Perón that, over the past week, inside stories have been leaked twice to a daily newspaper, *La Opinion*, in which Señor Lopez Rega's name has been linked with the right-wing "death squad".

The newspaper would not have dared to print the reports if it had not had the support of important members of the armed forces, including Admiral Emilio Massera, head of the navy.

The main stumbling-block to Señor Lopez Rega's removal has been the support and protection offered him by the President herself. As the widow of the late President Juan Perón, she represents the symbol of the Peronist movement and, as his legal successor, the personification of institutional processes.

Combined, they are positions which have made many important groups hesitate to force the issue of his dismissal. In the past, when attempts to drive a wedge between Señora Perón and him have proved hopeless, they have been relinquished.

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Señora Perón, President of Argentina, speaks at a recent meeting, with Señor Lopez Rega, her controversial Social Welfare Minister, standing at her side.

Africans to step up Rhodesian struggle

From Michael Knipe
Dar es Salaam, July 8

The central committee of Rhodesia's African National Council ended four days of intensive discussions at 3 am today with a statement pledging "intensification of the liberation struggle".

In the three-sentence statement the ANC leaders "reiterated that the onus to hold a constitutional conference is on the Smith regime and the British Government" and repeated "that the conference must be held outside Rhodesia".

Before leaving Dar es Salaam the four senior officials, Bishop Abel Muzorewa the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr James Chikerema, spent two and a half hours in discussions with presidents Nyerere of Tanzania, Kaunda of Zambia and Sir Seretse Khama of Botswana.

Also present were the presidents' foreign ministers and Mr Joaquim Chissano, Foreign Minister of Mozambique, the other black African state involved in the southern Africa détente exercise.

The African presidents, who favour a negotiated settlement, have nevertheless again pledged their support for an armed struggle if necessary.

During speeches at the anniversary celebrations of the founding of Tanzania's ruling party, Tanu, Mr Chissano said Mozambique was prepared to continue with the armed struggle until the people of Rhodesia, South Africa, Namibia (South-West Africa), and other countries still under colonial rule were liberated.

"We are only waiting for our brothers in Rhodesia to tell us what they need from Mozambique for the liberation of their country, and we are prepared," he said. This is a thinly disguised reference to the fact that the facilities used by Frelimo against the Portuguese in Mozambique will be available to the Zimbabwe guerrillas if they are needed.

Bishop Muzorewa and most of the internally-based ANC officials flew today to Lusaka. From there they will fly to Salisbury, where they intend to wait for the Rhodesian Government to make the next move on the constitutional issue.

Our Salisbury Correspondent writes: The Rhodesian Government is to set up a commission on racial discrimination and ways to remove it. Announcing this in Parliament, Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, said his Government intends to take strong measures to increase the effectiveness of anti-terrorist operations.

Mr Smith said that for too long the African National Council had denied the nation's Africans the benefits which would flow from a constitutional settlement, and the Government considered the time had come for positive action.

Mr Smith said that since the guerrilla war began in earnest in December, 1974, more than 270 African civilians had been murdered by the guerrillas, mostly in circumstances of extreme bestiality and brutality. The Rhodesian forces had killed more than 500 terrorists for the loss of 56 of their men.

Libyan-paid assassination squad held in Egypt

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, July 8

Egyptian security officials have discovered a clandestine organization which, they say, is formed by Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to carry out assassination and sabotage acts in Egypt.

Some 30 members of the organization have been arrested in Egypt. They allegedly confessed that they had been recruited by Colonel Gaddafi for large sums of money.

Investigations, the officials added, indicated that the organization included sabotage and assassination squads trained in Tobruk and Benghazi. The ultimate goal of the organization was to create unrest in Egypt in order to annex the Western Desert, including the Siwa oasis.

Colonel Gaddafi, it is alleged, earmarked £30m to carry out the plot.

The disclosure plunged the steadily deteriorating relations between Egypt and Libya to a new low and increased the anti-Gaddafi feelings here.

Colonel Gaddafi, who has accused President Sadat of betraying the Arab cause by his efforts to reach a peaceful settlement with Israel, is described by the Egyptian press as a "lunatic, petty leader" seeking an enforced leadership of the Arab world.

According to the security police sources, the organization was under the supervision of two officers of Libyan intelligence.

One was named as Captain Muhammad Idris al-Sherif, who took part in the blowing up last year of the presidential resthouse at Mersa Matruh, near the Libyan border.

The ringleaders have been charged with communicating with a foreign power to harm the country's security, a crime punishable by death in Egypt.

'Creep' mentality in CIA's airline

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, July 8

A small charter airline, owned by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), was used to fly important politicians in the United States, according to the *New York Times* today, quoting a reliable source. They included Mr Lyndon Johnson and Mr Hubert Humphrey, when they were vice-presidents, and Mr John Kennedy and Mr Robert Kennedy when they were senators. The source said that the politicians were unaware of the CIA's ownership of the airline.

The source added: "It meant that the CIA had an unusual entrée into the personal and campaign travel of some of the most important political figures in the country. It could learn where they flew, with whom they traveled and, if the agency wanted to, it could record or get an employee to listen to what was said."

This is the same mentality that led Mr Nixon's Committee to reelect the President (Creep) to bug the Watergate and try to learn the Democrats' campaign strategy. In the real world, if the CIA or the *New York Times* or the KGB (the Russian secret service) want to find out the travel plans of a government official or a senator, they call his office and ask.

The suggestion that it would be worth the CIA's while to bug an aeroplane to listen to the conversation of a vice-president or a senator running for the presidency seems absurd.

The disclosure of yet another "proprietory" CIA airline, called the Fairways Corporation, has some small news value, perhaps, but would hardly rate the front page.

Fairways is a small charter airline, which the CIA apparently uses to fly its staff about the country. Its cover as a legitimate concern has been maintained by carrying on a regular charter business, including supplying aircraft, for instance, to Vice-President Humphrey when he was travelling on party business in the mid-sixties.

A sinister story, given prominence in the *Washington Post* a few days ago, appeared at first glance to have established that the CIA was behind the assassination of General Schneider, the Chileau Chief of Staff, in 1970. This was just before President Allende took office and was intended to provoke a military seizure of power.

In the depths of the story, however, it emerged that the CIA had not actually arranged the assassination, or approved of it, or done anything to help it. It had, however, been in contact with the general who was behind the attempted coup. This fact has been widely known for years.

Accounts of the CIA's illegal domestic spying activities have, generally, been substantiated. Many reporters have been trying to turn up other matters ever since, with varying degrees of success.

Claiming the Kissinger garbage–for the press

From Jeremiah O'Leary
Washington, July 8

The Secret Service and Washington police officers questioned a reporter for the *National Enquirer* for two and a half hours last night after he was found removing five bags of garbage from the home of Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State.

Mr Jay Gourley, aged 27, was allowed to keep the garbage after arguing that it was property abandoned on public land.

Interviewed at his home today as he began sorting through the five bags, Mr Gourley said that he set out on his mission improbable on an assignment for the weekly newspaper.

He said he arrived at Dr Kissinger's street in the exclusive Georgetown neighbourhood at midnight. He said he had no trouble picking out Dr Kissinger's house because a Secret Service agent was posted in the doorway.

Having determined that five green plastic bags of Dr Kissinger's garbage was on the sidewalk on public property, Mr Gourley said he then parked his car across the street, opened the trunk, and walked over to seize a bag with each hand. He said he had the first four bags in his trunk before the Secret Service agent yelled, "Hey, stop! What are you doing?"

Mr Gourley said he told the agent to stay calm, that he was only picking up Dr Kissinger's garbage, and then proceeded to pop the fifth bag into his car.

At that point, Mr Gourley was surrounded by five agents and two policemen. An intense discussion ensued over his right to custody of the Kissinger garbage.

The supervisor came out and said, "Put it back", the journalist related. "I told him", he went on, "that we had talked it over with our lawyers before I set out on this assignment, and they said it was abandoned property that anybody could have, and I said I wanted it.

"I gave them my credentials when they asked for them, and the supervisor asked permission to take my identification in the house while I made some calls.

"This went on until almost 2.30 am. The police said there was no violation of city law, and then they found out that I had had a White House card and a Congressional Gallery pass, so they finally ended the discussion and I left."

But Mr Gourley would not say what he found in his search through a week's load of Dr Henry Kissinger's garbage.—Washington Star.

Iraq attaché expelled from Syria

From Our Own Correspondent
Damascus, July 8.—Syria today decided to close the office of the Iraqi military attaché in Damascus and ordered all its staff to leave the country within 48 hours, Arab diplomatic sources said.

This development was seen by observers in Beirut as a worsening of already deteriorated relations between the two countries, ruled by rival factions of the Arab Baath Socialist Party.

Syria also decided to close the offices of its military attaché in Baghdad, the sources added.

Syria last month alleged that its acting military attaché in Baghdad was stabbed in the back; and it asked for a full report on investigations by the Iraqi authorities.

In Beirut it was noted that Iraq had denied the charges and accused the acting military attaché of "fabricating the incident".

Beirut observers attributed today's move to a possible failure by Iraq to provide Syria with the report it had asked for, to Syrian dissatisfaction with the report, if supplied.

The decision follows months of recriminations between the two countries, which also led to the closure of the Iraqi consulate in Aleppo and the offices of both national airlines in the respective capitals.—Reuter.

The collectives ran smoothly until workers began moving out of barns into greenhouses

Soviet farmers discover flower power

From Edmund Stevens
Moscow, July 8

From sunny Soviet Armenia comes word that collective agriculture, that mainstay of Soviet power, is being sabotaged by what might be termed a surge of flower power.

In a number of areas farmers are neglecting their collective responsibilities and giving full time to marketing carnations, gladioli, roses and other posies for handsome profits in Yerevan and other towns.

A reporter from the Yerevan daily paper *Kommunist* recently visited Davidashen, the village where the trouble started. The landscape was crowded with row upon row of greenhouses, the more presentable ones of glass, others more ramshackled, improvised from tin roofing sheets, beaverboard and lengths of polyethylene.

The local collective farm office was a hovel with a dangerously sagging roof. "That is the least of my worries", Mr Garnik Martirosian, the chairman, said. "Our collective farm is about to collapse. And you know why? It is those flowers. They are worse than a natural calamity."

Ironically, the man responsible for the "calamity" was the collective's former number one, Brigadier Zhora Sarkisian, winner of many prizes. When he discovered there was big money in selling flowers, he lost interest in the collective. He made regular trips to Yerevan with basketfuls of carnations, and returned with his pockets full of roubles.

Others followed his example, until nearly half the collective's able bodied members had opted for the flower business. The once thriving farm, short handed, was almost paralysed. Tons of grain, vegetables and fruit were left to rot. Most of the meat and dairy products were wasted.

From Davidashen the floral contagion spread to neighbouring villages, where history repeated itself. According to *Kommunist*, the local authorities, having failed to kill the blight, seemed powerless to stop it spreading. The paper contended that the ban on building private garages without special authorization should have applied to private greenhouses, which were eyesores, and hurt the economy.

The ground they occupied had been granted by the collective farm as an advance payment to its members for their future services to the collective. Although the Davidashen flower growers no longer gave the collective as much as a day's work, the question of their continued membership had never been raised. Some, not content with allotments, had illegally built on collective farmland.

Many private flower growers had helped themselves to state property. In the past two years more than 100 welding torches and a similar number of oxygen cylinders, plus 600 tons of fertilizer, had been winkled out of various agencies.

In addition, almost all the materials used in building and equipping the private greenhouses, including thousands of tons of cement, thousands of square yards of glass, and miles of piping were obtained *sub rosa* from state warehouses, without the authorities raising objections. *Kommunist* does not say that some form of "pay-off" was involved, but the implication is there.

Seven of Davidashen's flower growers have all the electricity they require free, having secretly hooked on to a convenient power line. In the village of Shaumian near by, two growers tapped a natural gas main and piped gas to their greenhouses for heating.

A neighbour proved even more resourceful. He managed to heat his home and his greenhouse by surreptitiously piping steam from a silk mill near by.

Mr Ford throws down gauntlet

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, July 8

President Ford formally announced this morning that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency next year. Ever since he became President last August he has told reporters that he intended to declare his candidacy, so his announcement today is no great surprise.

In a brief statement in the press room of the White House he said that he had the full support of his family and friends, and that he would run an open campaign and abide by the law. All candidates make the same claims, of course, but it is rather more important than usual on this occasion.

The promise of running an open campaign and abiding by the law is a clear reference to Mr Nixon who did neither of those things. The President also promised not to neglect his presidential duties during the campaign.

Mr Ford did not discuss his Vice-President, but it appears that he intends to keep Mr Nelson Rockefeller as his partner. This will depress conservative Republicans and please the liberals.

The one Republican who expects to challenge Mr Ford is Mr Ronald Reagan, the former California Governor, who has so far made no progress at all.

In brief

Censor lifts ban on Israel book

Tel Aviv, July 8.—A revised version of a banned book describing Dr Kissinger's Middle East mediation is to be cleared by the Israel military censor for publication, Mr Matti Golan, the author, said today.

The banned manuscript contained classified documents and transcripts of meetings between Dr Kissinger and Israel officials. It is assumed that Mr Golan has now paraphrased the official data.

Yugoslav defence talks

General Ljubicic, the Yugoslav Defence Secretary, who is in London, called yesterday on Sir Lester Suffield, head of the Defence Sales Organization at the Ministry of Defence. Last night he was entertained to dinner by Mr Mason, the Defence Secretary.

Ex-dictator for trial

Athens, July 8.—General Ioannidis, the former dictator, and retired Colonel Papapostolou were today committed for trial before a criminal court on July 21 charged with instigating an abortive conspiracy in the Army last February.

Pacifying thunder

Cape Canaveral, Florida, July 8.—An American Air Force jet dropped millions of small metallic fibres near the Apollo launch site in a test to short-circuit thunder clouds that might delay the Soviet-American space flight.

New party leader

Ottawa, July 8.—Canada's New Democratic Party has a newly-elected leader in Mr John Edward Broadbent, aged 39, a former university professor from the city of Oshawa, near Toronto.

Deportation appeal

Ottawa, July 8.—Lieutenant-General Dang Van Quang, Interior Minister in the fallen South Vietnamese Government, is to appeal against a Canadian deportation order issued on the ground that he had been guilty of drug trafficking in Vietnam.

Mr Whitlam confident of winning debate on loans

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, July 8

After a week of overwhelming criticism of the Government over its efforts to raise overseas loans, Parliament meets tomorrow prematurely for what amounts to an emergency debate of the Government's credibility.

Mr Whitlam, the Prime Minister, recalled the House confident that he could explain his ministers' activities and that Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Opposition leader, will be unable to produce any more damaging documents.

Until today more accusations were being made concerning loan raising. These included an allegation by Mr William McMahon, the former Prime Minister, that he had seen signatures of Mr Rex Connor, the Minister for Minerals and Energy, Dr Cairns, the former Treasurer, and Mr Lionel Murphy, the former Attorney General, authorizing the establishment of an $A160m (£94m) Australian Loan Commission.

Tomorrow's proceedings could well be an anticlimax. It is expected that the Prime Minister will explain the reasons for dismissing Dr Cairns and will table all evidence he has, or all he chooses to release, concerning negotiations for overseas loans. He will invite the Opposition to do likewise.

Chinese return missing Army men

Hongkong, July 8.—Four British Army men, who had been missing since yesterday in a landing craft, returned to Hongkong today after being held overnight by the Chinese when they strayed out of British waters.

"The four were courteously treated during their stay in Chinese waters and provided with food, cigarettes and blankets", an Army spokesman said.

The men were a staff-sergeant of the Royal Corps of Transport, a Royal Marines engineer corporal and two members of the Hongkong Military Service Corps.—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

Further bail for British girls in currency case

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, July 8

Two British girls, Teresa Ann Laws, aged 14, and Lynn Francis, aged 16, both of Woolwich, London, were further remanded until July 28 when they appeared briefly in a juvenile court here today on a charge of conspiring with persons unknown to export foreign currency from Kenya without authority.

They have not been asked to plead, and were again released on bail.

It is alleged that the girls were found with assorted currency and travellers' cheques worth about £120,000 as they were about to board an aircraft for London.

Indian censorship breakers face 'firm' official action

From Our Correspondent
Delhi, July 8.—Mr Vidya Charan Shukla, the Indian Information Minister, said today Government will take "firm action" against foreign correspondents who violate censorship regulations imposed when Mrs Indira Gandhi declared a national emergency.

Mr Shukla, during a meeting with a parliamentary committee, did not say what type of action was planned against censorship violators. However, he has recently told foreign correspondents that the penalty would be expulsion.

The censorship regulations require Government approval of outgoing dispatches unless they are based on official briefings or statements.

Police made a dawn raid on Jawaharlal Nehru University and detained several persons for questioning, according to student sources. Lorry loads of armed officers drove into the campus, lined up some 50 post-graduate students and took about 15 of them away.

Michael Binyon writes: Mr Philip Noel-Baker, the Nobel peace prize winner, and the former MP who introduced the Bill giving India independence, appealed today to Mrs Gandhi to release all political prisoners, particularly Mr Jayaprakash Narayan, known as "JP", whose call for non-violent action precipitated the present crisis.

Speaking as chairman of a committee formed in London, called "Free J.P. Campaign", Mr Noel-Baker said Mrs Gandhi had been a remarkably good and successful Prime Minister, and he did not believe that she was guilty of electoral corruption. Nevertheless he was disturbed that political leaders were being detained.

Mr Noel-Baker has sent a signed appeal to Mrs Gandhi, together with Mr Martin Ennals, the secretary of Amnesty International.

Laos austerity if US cuts aid

Vientiane, July 8—Laos, which has been living above its means for years, faces the prospect of a changed life style without cars, luxuries and all but the most essential imported goods.

For the past 11 years Laos, whose exports are negligible, has been buying goods abroad with money provided by the six-nation Foreign Exchange Operation Fund (FEOF), which last year provided some $32m (£14.5m).

Now the Americans, who contributed half of this, are taking a long look at their commitment in the light of anti-American demonstrations which forced the closure of the United States aid mission and the drastic reduction of the embassy staff.

The United States has paid $5m in advance into this year's fund, and that may be all an angry Congress will allow. The other FEOF countries apart from Laos—Australia, Britain, France and Japan—have yet to make their contribution.

One Western diplomat said: "It is not a question of which countries are going to make up the difference, but what Laos is going to have to do without."

An aid-seeking mission to Scandinavian and communist countries earlier this year by Mr Soth Phetrasy, the Economics Minister, obtained promises of commodities, but little cash.

Most Western diplomats agree that whatever happens in the long term, life as they know it in Vientiane and other cities in this country of only three million people will change drastically.

The cars which bounce over Vientiane's pocholed roads are expected to thin out as petrol imports, worth more than $8m last year, dry up.

Pathet Lao officials are now talking of importing bicycles from China in exchange for Laotian timber and tin. The Cabinet has already advised government offices to economize, particularly in using official vehicles. Many shops which offer imported goods, from French wine to Scotch whisky, will be forced to close.

Whether or not the pro-communist Pathet Lao planned it this way, the development appears to fit in with their vision of Laos in the future, a predominantly agrarian society free from outside cultural influences.

Pathet Lao groups have been urging citizens to stop using cosmetics, to weave their own cloth and go to work on the land. This may be practical advice for a country which faces bankruptcy and imports 100,000 tonnes of rice a year.

Although the country's economic base is shaky after 10 years of civil war, Laotian officials are confident that the country can stand on its own feet should the United States cut off aid. "There will be difficulties, but you can't call it a crisis", said Mr Somphou Oudomvilay, the Deputy Economics Minister.—Reuter.

Furore over photographs

From Our Correspondent
Hongkong, July 8

Photographs of visiting Portuguese politicians cavorting with dancing girls in a Macao casino-bar have had some extraordinary repercussions in the Portuguese enclave.

The photographs were taken by a junior Marine officer. Colonel Garcia Leandro, the new Governor of Macao, was afraid that they could be used for blackmail purposes and ordered the Marine's superior, Commander Catarino Salgado, to expel the officer to Lisbon.

Commander Salgado refused, saying that in accordance with Portuguese Navy law, an inquiry should first have been held. This attitude resulted in the Governor dismissing Commander Salgado from his post and ordering him to be deported to Lisbon.

The affair could also affect the fate of Portuguese Timor, which is at present trying to win independence.

PARLIAMENT, July 8, 1975

The search for consent: political courage promised on pay policy

House of Commons

MR EDWARD SHORT, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, replying in the absence of the Prime Minister to questions about the Government's policy on incomes, said he refused to believe that the two sides of industry could not come together to work out a voluntary agreement to get the country out of its present difficulties and reduce the rate of inflation to the level of their major competitors.

The questions began when MR NIGEL LAWSON (Blaby, C) said.—Only eight weeks ago the Prime Minister appeared on television and said that in no circumstances short of war would he contemplate introducing statutory pay controls of any kind—I repeat, of any kind. On what date did war break out? (Laughter.)

MR SHORT (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab)—The Prime Minister also said in the election that the combating of inflation was our top priority. We hope to reach agreement on a voluntary policy with the unions and the CBI.

MR HEFFER (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—On this side, and in the Labour movement in the country, it is not expected that we should carry out a programme of statutory legislation on wages.

The other important ideas of combating inflation must be adopted by the Government rather than a policy which, if put into operation, could tear this movement of ours to pieces.

MR SHORT—There must be a battery of measures to combat inflation. The greatest danger facing the country, the people and their employment prospects, is inflation, and that must be tackled without delay.

MR THORPE (North Devon, L)—The sense of urgency of the Chancellor has been more than underlined by the OECD figures published today, showing the rate of inflation is second only to Iceland.

If it is the Government's proposal that employers are to be the enforcement officers for the Government's pay policy, it will be as fruitless and unfair as having the trade unions as the enforcement officers.

MR SHORT—The proposals we are discussing are the Government's proposals and we shall see they are carried out.

The Government are resolutely opposed to imposing criminal sanctions on work people. The previous Tory Government tried that and the Official Solicitor intervened to save them. We do not want a repeat of that.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)—At the recent meetings with the TUC, did Government spokesmen react to the demands made by the TUC in respect of rent control, food price control, import surcharges and also some action on the foreign exchanges with respect to capital movements?

There are many people inside the Parliamentary Labour Party who are to some extent responding to the mood of the party outside and who will not in any circumstances repeat the ill-fated exercise gone through between 1966 and 1970 and march through the lobbies, which means in effect endorsing interference with the free collective bargaining which we received a mandate to operate in the last two elections.

MR SHORT—The Government will take account of any points put by the TUC and discuss them. Mr Skinner should wait for the White Paper shortly, within a few days, and see to what extent we have been able to reach agreement with the two sides of industry.

MRS THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—We find it difficult to get any information about what is happening, except what we read in the press. Will he confirm the Chancellor's statement last Tuesday and that every commitment in it still stands, in particular the 10 per cent increase on pay limits and the cash limits, as a means of controlling expenditure? When can we expect the White Paper?

MR SHORT—I regret I cannot tell her the date of the White Paper; it will be within a few days. Both the 10 per cent and cash limit proposals remain. It is a great pity that the Opposition did not impose the cash limits when they were in office. (Conservative interruptions and protests.)

Later MR FREUD (Isle of Ely, L) said—As the Prime Minister spent yesterday teaching the economic facts of life to the miners, Mr Short might try to persuade Mr Wilson to have a similar exercise with the Tribune Group tomorrow. (Laughter.)

MR RADICE (Chester-le-Street, Lab)—Will Mr Short tell the Prime Minister that the overwhelming majority of Labour supporters are behind the Government's efforts to create an effective prices and incomes policy based on consent.

MR SHORT—I am sure Mr Radice is right and that what he says will commend itself not only to Labour MPs, but people of good will throughout the country.

MR EDWARD TAYLOR (Glasgow, Cathcart, C)—Does he think that the Secretary of State for Employment (Mr Foot) will need a bit of help? Who is going to take personal authority for a statutory incomes policy? Is the Department of Employment fully geared up to the kind of massive unemployment which lays ahead of us?

MR SHORT—We hope to have a voluntary agreement on incomes. Mr Taylor is premature in talking about operating a statutory policy. Unemployment is far too high, but it is less in this country than that of our competitors.

MR MOLLOY (Ealing, North, Lab)—The principle of consultation in industrial relations is to be preferred to the foolhardiness of confrontation. The statements made yesterday by Mr Wilson and Mr Joe Gormley in the great debate the miners are having must show that jaw-jaw in industrial relations is better than war war.

MR SHORT—He is right. There is no way out of our problems except by consent and consensus.

MR SHORT added later—A call for massive public expenditure cuts by the Opposition is a call for unemployment to solve our inflationary problem. This Government reject unemployment as a weapon to solve the inflationary problem. We reject it entirely.

MR EVELYN KING (South Dorset, C)—Is not the primary purpose of the trade union movement to increase wages?

We have now reached the point where consultation with trade unions or with the CBI is seen as an effort by the Government simply to shovel responsibility on to someone else. It is time they took their own responsibility and showed more political courage than they have so far shown. (Conservative cheers.)

MR SHORT—The Government will certainly show political courage as Labour Governments have always shown. (Conservative laughter.) Mr King is living in a world which no longer exists. Today we can only function by consent and it is that consent we are trying to achieve over the next few days.

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab)—There is far too much emphasis on wages as the primary cause of inflation. The recent devaluation of sterling was a large cause of the increase in costs which working people have to pay. Will he urge on his colleagues in the Cabinet that some action to control speculators is needed?

MR SHORT—A recent Price Commission report showed that 50 to 60 per cent of recent price increases were due to labour costs. We cannot get away from that fact.

MRS THATCHER—If what he said about public expenditure is right then what the Chancellor of the Exchequer said last Tuesday about using cash limits to control public expenditure in the short term is wrong. Which is correct? (Conservative cheers.)

MR SHORT—Mrs Thatcher wants to make massive cuts in public expenditure. (Conservative cries of "Answer".) Perhaps in one of her weekend speeches she will tell us which public expenditure cuts she is going to make and what are the employment consequences of the cuts she has in mind. (Labour cheers and Conservative interruptions.)

Mr Stonehouse has 'cocked successive snooks' at Commons

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab) was given leave by 94 votes to 90 to bring in the House of Commons Disqualification (Amendment) Bill to provide for the disqualification of MPs on account of failure to attend the House without reasonable cause.

He said his purpose was to attempt to treat MPs no more favourably than local councillors in respect of attendance, and to remove the impression, widely held outside, that the Commons was still the best club in Britain and did all in its power to protect its own members no matter how badly they attended or behaved, and that MPs were a bunch of men and women on the make.

The case of Mr John Stonehouse (Walsall, North, Lab) was troubling every MP and exercising the minds and anger of people outside the House across the whole political spectrum.

The attitude (he said) of Mr Stonehouse towards this House, and our official reaction to it, has done immeasurable harm to this institution. He has cocked successive snooks at us and we have shown ourselves either incapable, unwilling or uncertain about how to deal with it.

We have been bedevilled and bemused by the tradition that absence from this House for however long a period and for whatever reason is not in itself a disbarment to continued membership. The time has come to reexamine that hangover from bygone days.

Mr Stonehouse, he went on, had been absent from the House for six months and more. He was elected to do a job he plainly had not done and did not intend to do. In that time he had received and was receiving all cash and expenses arising, some of it in advance, and probably was now waiting for the increase that was imminent. (Laughter.)

He could continue to exist in these circumstances until the next general election whenever that might be. There were consequential burdens on his colleagues in carrying out his parliamentary duties, on the taxpayers who were footing the bill, and on his constituents who remained disenfranchised.

There had never been a word of contrition or apology from Mr Stonehouse for what he had done. Debates in the House on the matter had been deferred or avoided for legal or constitutional reasons, they were no more than excuses for doing nothing about it.

The time was now overdue for the House to act and the measure he was presenting would be an acceptable short-term, interim measure which should be introduced now by the Government before the summer recess.

All MPs elected on or since October, 1974, should be obliged to sign on from Monday to Thursday and perhaps Friday. The House of Lords did this and they did it in Strasbourg. There was no reason why the Commons should not start it.

No MP should be paid for days on which he was absent without cause acceptable to the House, such cause to be put in writing by the Leader of the House and debated by the House if need be. Any MP absent for more than three months for whatever reason other than engagements on parliamentary business should automatically be expelled from the House.

When there had been continuous absence for a period of one month or 30 sitting days all payments to such MPs should be frozen until the House could satisfy itself that the reasons for absence were acceptable to the House. The Act should be retrospective to June 9, 1975.

MR EVELYN KING (Dorset, South, C) said he opposed the Bill because the whole of the argument rested on one man—Mr Stonehouse. This is no adequate case upon which to rest an Act of Parliament.

They should look back over history and see how many MPs have refused for conscience reasons to take their seat. To expel them would deprive elected members of something to which they were entitled and had sometimes been valuable.

It could happen to a member who did not believe in the monarchy or was unwilling to swear the oath of allegiance. The eccentric view could be maintained in that way.

MPs might not be able to attend because they were ill, or as in the case of some who fought in the last war, because they were absent on active service for three months.

In general terms, looking at history and likely eventualities, this would be a most foolish measure to introduce.

Number of doctors going overseas not causing crisis

MR NORMAN FOWLER (Sutton Coldfield, C) asked if the Secretary of State for Social Services could estimate the extent to which the emigration of doctors was increasing.

MRS BARBARA CASTLE (Blackburn, Lab)—Migration of British doctors is two-way. In recent years about 800 have left in a year, some only temporarily, while about 500 return annually. Provisional figures suggest that migration in the year ending September 30, 1974, was similar.

More recently, returns of those who say that they intend to emigrate on leaving the NHS are suggesting some increase in emigration.

MR FOWLER—The tragedy of this situation is that many of the doctors and consultants who have emigrated or who are considering emigration have worked for many years in the NHS and would like to continue. This alarming migration reflects the crisis of morale within the medical profession. The time has come for Mrs Castle to start listening to the medical profession rather than riding roughshod over it. (Conservative cheers.)

MRS CASTLE—What Mr Fowler conveniently overlooks is that what I did, with the help of my colleagues, was to give the medical profession the biggest increase for a long time under the recent review body procedure. I found when I took over this job that morale was low due to the treatment on pay of consultants and other people in the medical profession under the previous Conservative Government. What I have been doing it to mend the damaged morale I inherited.

MR MOLLOY (Ealing, North, Lab)—While there are many doctors who are genuinely concerned with the future of the health service, this old threat of leaving Great Britain and going elsewhere has been going on ever since the service was created. Some of them carried out their threat and had to be bailed out and brought home.

MRS CASTLE—Often alarmist reports are spread which exaggerate the situation. There is cause for concern if migration increases, but there is not a crisis at present. It is important to remember that the NHS does not employ all doctors in the country and statistics we have for earlier years suggest that less than half of those migrating at any one time did so from the NHS.

MR GOODHART (Bromley, Beckenham, C)—The unnecessary row about the continuation of private practice is adding to the migration rate.

MRS CASTLE—I do not accept that. One of the problems we face is that often doctors and other members of the medical profession are attracted by superior facilities that may be available outside. That is why it is in the interest of all of us to preserve the strength and extent of our NHS.

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab)—The General Secretary of the BMA saw the Common Market as an opportunity for doctors to escape from the so-called shackles of the NHS. It is a strange business that the Opposition call on miners, dockers, and railwaymen to be patriotic, and to work for their country, yet this doctrine never seems to apply to doctors.

Could she ask the Prime Minister to make the speech he made to the miners to the doctors to try and encourage them to be patriotic and work for the people?

MRS CASTLE—He has admirably summed up the hypocrisy of Conservative MPs.

Range of policies needed to tackle smoking

MR BEITH (Berwick upon Tweed, L) asked whether the Secretary of State for Social Services would introduce legislation to ban cigarette advertising.

DR OWEN, Minister of State for Health.—There is good evidence that cigarette advertising increases cigarette smoking and it is a fact that cigarettes kill many people each year. The most recent estimate is 50,000 premature deaths a year in Great Britain.

The Government have not made any decisions whether or not to legislate but they are currently reviewing all the health aspects.

MR BEITH—As long ago as 1967 a Labour Government indicated a willingness to introduce legislation and the longer he delays trying to work out a voluntary agreement, the more it is likely to be ineffective. More young people will be induced to take up smoking and thereby shorten their lives.

We need rapid action at the least to deal with the disguised television advertising of cigarettes.

DR OWEN—I have never hidden my view it is a serious health hazard. Many people hoped that as a result of the discussions and decisions in 1967 the industry would reduce its promotional activity and we would see a reduction in cigarette smoking.

We entered into negotiations with the industry in a serious attempt to make a voluntary agreement. I have had to write to the industry recently on their most recent response to say I still think it is inadequate.

MR RONALD ATKINS (Preston, North, Lab) asked about increasing alcoholism among young people and for a prohibition on advertisements for alcoholic drinks.

DR OWEN—The Government are going to produce a consultative paper on this subject which will cover cigarette smoking and other health hazards.

MR BOSCAWEN (Wells, C)—A curious result is that a total ban on cigarette advertisements in other countries has had the opposite effect—an increase in smoking and not a decrease.

DR OWEN—This emphasizes the necessity of tackling this problem across a broad range of policies. It is not just advertising but other aspects of promotion. A positive message would try to help people give up smoking. We need to recognize it is an addiction and that a purely censorious attitude is not sufficient. There is a big job of health education. A series of measures need to be looked at.

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab)—Would Dr Owen not agree that far from cigarette advertising decreasing in the last few years it has increased with the sponsorship of sporting activities by cigarette companies which reaches millions of homes every day. Will he take this up with the sporting authorities?

DR OWEN—This is obviously one aspect of the problem, and the most serious abuse I have mentioned is the question of the way which you can overcome the ban on television advertising by using a sports occasion, in particular the application of this in motor racing.

MR KENNETH CLARKE, an Opposition spokesman on social services (Rushcliffe, C)—Would Dr Owen lay before the House any research the department has done showing what has been achieved so far in reducing cigarette smoking by the warning notices? Before we rush ahead we would like to be reassured we are doing some good to public health and bear in mind the damage which may be done to newspapers, the remaining cinemas and the important loss of sponsorship of popular sports such as cricket, tennis and motor racing.

DR OWEN—I must say I am disappointed if this is the official Opposition view on the subject. When Sir Keith Joseph was responsible for this matter he took a serious view of the health hazard of smoking and did a lot to convince the industry of the need to take voluntary measures. I will put whatever evidence is available before the House. The Health Education Council are constantly calling for stronger measures.

Defence sales organization deserves a protection in face of innuendo

MR CRITCHLEY (Aldershot, C), opening a debate on arms sales said that those who suggested the arms trade was immoral and a dirty business should live in the world as it existed and not as they would like it to be. Without large export orders to reduce unit costs the viability of an independent arms industry and a base for advanced research and development would be at risk. Even if that were not the case Britain needed the money.

The value of arms ordered or sent to the Middle East since the start of 1974 was about $13,000m. Britain sold £475m worth of arms and expected this year to sell £560m, mainly to Iran, Egypt and the Gulf States.

The Middle East was experiencing an arms race of remarkable proportions. Weapons were being shipped into an area replete with the sources of military conflict. War in the Middle East could not be in the interests of the major arms suppliers and was unlikely to be in the interests of the major recipients. But war was in the interests of the forces of revolution in that part of the world.

Iran was being built into a regional superpower to fill the vacuum left by the withdrawal of western forces.

Unrestricted arms sales to the Middle East could only work in the favour of the Arabs who had more money, more manpower and more friends. He wondered if the major supplying nations, Britain, France and America were not making a future conflict in the area inevitable.

Britain needed to export arms and to seek security. Perhaps the way out of the dilemma lay in Europe. By rationalization leading to standardization and specialization Britain could save vast sums and sell more of its arms to its European allies and to the United States than it would elsewhere.

A European arms procurement agency could offer a means of producing arms more efficiently and controlling arms exports to third parties.

MR WILLIAM RODGERS, Minister of State for Defence (Teesside, Stockton, Lab) said he fully recognized that the arms trade was a distasteful business by definition to a number of people, and respected the views of those who believed that the arms trade was immoral, provided that that meant immoral for everyone else as well as Britain.

The Government would continue to put its full weight behind disarmament on an international basis and to support any worthwhile initiative in the United Nations or elsewhere which would result in internationally agreed restraints on the arms trade with a view to reducing it.

Successive Governments had been alert to the particular problem of the Middle East. Certainly (he said) we do not seek to encourage the arms race there.

The present defence sales organization was set up nine years ago. It employed 350 people. The estimated value of defence sales in the last financial year was £475m and in 1975-76 they were expected to reach £560m. At least 70,000 to 80,000 jobs were involved. The administrative expenditure of the organization in the current year was expected to fall a little short of £3m.

The United States and the Soviet Union were clearly well ahead of the United Kingdom in sales. As for France, they made a great song and dance about their defence while the United Kingdom maintained a low profile, but there was no real evidence that they had better than fourth place behind the United Kingdom.

The defence sales organization was highly professional. He did not think MPs should allow such enthusiasm as there might be for defence sales and the need for positive salesmanship to lead them into believing that the defence sales organization should not maintain its own integrity. In the long run it was a mistake to sell customers what they did not want, could not use or could not afford.

He was prepared to believe that the defence sales organization had its failures, but he would regret winks and nods on private occasions that implied shortcomings in the organization without specifying them. If MPs had specific criticisms he hoped they would make them plainly so that they would be carefully investigated. The defence sales organization was part of the Ministry of Defence and was rightly open to the procedures of the Commons, but it deserved ministerial protection in the face of generalized criticism or innuendo.

MR PATTIE (Chertsey and Walton, C) asked whether the Government were satisfied with the degree of top level support they were giving to United Kingdom arms producers.

MR ALLAUN (Salford, East, Lab) said the country which had the greatest industrial muscle and development was Japan, which exported no arms and was conquering the markets of the world with its products. He was shocked by the sale of weapons to third world countries. Countries which needed water well drilling equipment were supplied with sophisticated bombing planes.

The eight aero engines and a cruiser which Chile was having built or refitted in Britain should be impounded until she repaid the £14m debt on which she had defaulted this year. He could not understand why there were negotiations to sell 500 tanks to Egypt when that country had a debt of $3,000m to western nations and could not afford to pay for them.

MR ROBIN COOK (Edinburgh, Central, Lab) said that to compare the United Kingdom with Russia and the United States was not to compare like with like. Their sales had a political motivation. It was another thing to sell arms for purely commercial profit motives as the United Kingdom did.

MR WARREN (Hastings, C) said opportunities for arms export sales abroad were wide.

He appealed to the Government to reexamine their policy on defence exports. They had just seen the Americans scoop the pot with the sale of their F16 aircraft.

MR RODGERS, replying to the debate, said it seemed ridiculous that countries which were poor should wish to buy arms, but the initiative did not come from the richer countries, but from the smaller countries who wanted to demonstrate their own sovereignty.

Although the Rapier did not meet United States requirements that was not to say it was not an excellent weapon. To assume that it was a failure of top level United Kingdom support which resulted in the United States decision was frankly naive.

Anyone reflecting on events in the Middle East must feel concern about the course which was being taken. A heavy obligation lay on the Government in its discussions about sales to the Middle East to ensure that nothing they did upset the balance there

Childbirth not production line job–Mrs Wise

MRS AUDREY WISE (Coventry, South-West, Lab) asked whether the Secretary of State for Social Services could give any information as a result of the inquiry into inducement of birth which was commenced in December 1974.

DR OWEN, Minister of State for Health (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab)—So far studies have been completed at only five of the eight hospitals to be visited; the delay followed the hospital consultants' dispute. The inquiry should now be completed in the autumn.

I shall then also have the results of the pilot survey of attitudes by the Institute for Social Studies in Medical Care.

MRS WISE—This is a matter which is causing worry to many women. Many of us think this is urgent. In view of the delay will he advise hospitals that this process should not be increased as the birth process is one which is not suitable for more mechanization?

Pregnant women are not a production line. Interference with this process without adequate knowledge is reprehensible.

DR OWEN—I share her concern, which is widespread particularly among women. I would be wrong to intervene until I have had the initial information, but I will consider the question of issuing guidance in the light of the information we shall receive in the late autumn.

Mr Johnston loses his place at Strasbourg

MRS WINIFRED EWING (Moray and Nairn, Scot Nat) was designated a member of the European Parliament and MR RUSSELL JOHNSTON (Inverness, L) lost his place in the United Kingdom delegation under an amended motion agreed to early today. Monday's sitting ended at 4.37 am.

On the motion that Mrs Ewing be designated a member of the European Parliament, MR IFOR DAVIES (Gower, Lab) moved a manuscript amendment that Mr Johnston be discharged from membership of the European Parliament.

MR THORPE, Leader of the Liberal Party (North Devon, L) said he was not opposed to the selection of Mrs Ewing, or suggesting that the Scottish Nationalist Party should not have a seat in the European Assembly. He also agreed with the manuscript amendment.

The reason why we are taking part in this debate (he continued) is that we wish to register a protest at the final balance of the United Kingdom delegation which is 18 Government members, 16 Conservative members, one Liberal member and one SNP member. We want to deplore the hole in the wall way in which the whole of this matter has been handled.

The Liberals wanted to see how they could make the best contribution to the European Assembly, and to see that the Liberal Party was properly represented.

I have been placed (he said) in an appallingly difficult situation. I have found that the representative of the Liberal Party has been arbitrarily axed, and I have learnt it on the 10 o'clock news.

He added that Lord Gladwyn (L) has a draft resolution on defence which he had discussed with the defence ministers of each Government in the EEC—all the ministers of the Nine. It had immense significance, and it was something with which he was associated personally. As first president of the first committee, the Political Committee, he had been much concerned with the report.

Liberal MPs thought that the contribution Lord Gladwyn had to make in the next few months was of extreme importance. They were aware that Mr Johnston had done tremendously important work on the Regional Committee, concerned not only with Scotland, but other areas of high unemployment and low wages.

We have been placed (he said) in an appalling dilemma. We cannot have two representatives. Therefore, we believe it is right that Lord Gladwyn should get his report through the European Assembly and hope that it can be accepted by the Community as a whole.

He hoped they could move towards some formula which was at least as fair as that appertaining in the rest of the EEC.

MR HENDERSON (East Aberdeenshire, Scot Nat) said he felt that the Liberal Party had some cause for complaint in the way in which their representative had been treated and the way in which they had been given consideration in this whole matter.

MR MELLISH, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Government Chief Whip (Southwark, Bermondsey, Lab) said he could give an assurance that the Government were prepared to have discussions with the representatives of other parties to see whether there was another formula which could be applied, which was fair.

It was right and proper that the Government of the day must have a majority, and it must be abundantly clear that that would be the objective when the Government went into these discussions.

The Government could have taken 19 seats under the formula, but they only took 18. The Conservative Party did not offer the Liberals another seat but that was for them and not for him. There was a good deal of good will here.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to.

Liberal peer gets back his seat in Europe

House of Lords

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, moving that Lord Gladwyn be designated a member of the European Parliament, said that in last Thursday's debate he indicated that if any political party wished to change its membership of the delegation this could be done with great expedition.

I understand (he went on) that in the Commons a motion was passed last night that the Member for Inverness, Mr Johnston should no longer be a member of the European Parliament, and I understand (I am now moving this motion at the request of the Liberal Party) that Lord Gladwyn should become a designated member or this House at the European Parliament.

LORD BYERS (L), leader of the Liberal peers.—I would hope that the Lord Privy Seal would recognize the invidious decision that Mr Thorpe and myself had to make last night, together with the parliamentary party in the Commons, as a result of the two major parties, taking just over 11 million votes each, taking 18 and 16 of the 36 seats each and leaving one Liberal representative for 3,250,000 British voters.

LORD PANNELL (Lab)—Before Lord Byers quotes the amount of votes polled for the Liberals in the country, will he look at the West Woolwich by-election where the fall in the Liberal vote put the Conservatives in?

LORD SHEPHERD—Clearly the leadership of the Liberal Party had a difficult task last night. I indicated in the first debate that the parties should enter into early discussions on this matter. I would not think that the contribution Lord Byers has just launched is one that will help in finding an agreement between the two parties.

The motion was agreed to.

Plight of voluntary organizations

MR NORMAN FOWLER (Sutton Coldfield, C) opening a debate on the plight of voluntary organizations, said the immediate cause was the financial crisis facing many of them. Wider issues raised were the place of the voluntary organization and the volunteer.

In an age of centralized organizations and spawning bureaucracy, the effort and inspiration of the volunteer were even more needed.

This morning he had received from the National Council of Social Service a list of 25 societies in financial difficulties. It was by no means a definitive list of the societies affected by inflation, yet it included the NSPCC, the Helping Hand organization, the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, Shelter, the National Council for Civil Liberties and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The only long-term solution would come with a reduction in the rate of inflation. It was unrealistic to think that government or local authority expenditure would be increased in real terms but the Government could not get off the hook as easily as that. The Government could at least by their actions avoid damaging the interests of voluntary organizations which it should be their duty to protect.

The imposition of the 25 per cent luxury rate of VAT on television sets and radios was meaning that work provided by organizations like Wireless for the Bedridden was being curtailed because the charities were having to pay this luxury rate.

DR DAVID OWEN, Minister of State for Health (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab) said expenditure by central government on voluntary services in 1974-75 was more than £16m and the estimated expenditure for 1975-76 was currently about £20m. Government contribution to the voluntary services had increased rapidly over the past few years. They did face problems for the future. The role of Government in support of voluntary organizations was first of all to do nothing to damage their independence.

It was right that the volunteer should work in association with professional people, but the volunteer would need to develop a sense of professionalism, skill and training in many cases. It was often the voluntary organization that placed the greatest obligation and responsibility on their volunteers that seemed to thrive most.

He did not lay down any particular criteria but if funding helped to attract more people to volunteer it was money well spent.

His department had to face the problem for 1974-75 of inflation proofing. Funding for 1974-75 was £1,968,000. It was £38,000 in 1966. The outturn for 1974-75 was £1,778,000. The important thing was that the outturn and the estimate had coincided more closely. There had in the past been a big gap.

They would spend in 1975-76 £2,550,000. He suspected that growth would only be enough to "inflation proof". There was no question that central government funding at existing levels was finding it hard to keep going.

They would have to reexamine priorities and be selective in areas which they could help, but the will was there. They would do their best to try to attract volunteers.

The best way, and the only way, of helping voluntary organizations was to bring down the rate of inflation because they had not got the access simply to raise charges but had to live off their revenue.

MR CORDLE (Bournemouth, East, C) said what was needed was a fresh look at the question of charitable status to ensure that all voluntary societies which existed to serve the public to benefit the environment and to preserve the country's heritage, were free from the burdens of taxation.

MR HOOLEY (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) said the United Nations Association, if it had a social function or dinner to raise funds had to pay VAT on the tickets. VAT was also charged to a portion of the membership subscriptions. Could not voluntary bodies be exempted from the impact of VAT? The law on charities was a muddle.

MR LUCE (Shoreham, C) said the law on charities had not been reformed since 1601. On Sunday he accompanied the Speaker on a sponsored walk over 17 miles in Sussex in aid of the NSPCC. He might have asked for dispensation to make his speech sitting down; he was extremely stiff. Now was the time to test the voluntary spirit of the nation. There was a serious threat to the voluntary movement.

MR DOUGLAS-MANN (Merton, Mitcham and Morden, Lab) said the plight of voluntary organizations was bad and growing worse. The question of rate relief on charitable shops should be considered by the Government.

MR STEEN (Liverpool, Wavertree, C) said the Government's policies had been increasingly aimed at destroying the effectiveness of voluntary organizations not only by starving them of sufficient resources but failing to give them sufficient status and recognition. The capital transfer tax was the first warning of the Government's intentions towards voluntary bodies.

MR LYON, Minister of State, Home Office (York, Lab) said it would not be possible in the present economic climate to raise the level of government assistance to voluntary organizations. We have done three times as well (he said) as was expected by the previous administration at this time. We could not extend that at a time of extreme stringency in public expenditure.

The new Lotteries Bill would give some help to voluntary organizations—help which was urged on the Government by voluntary organizations. He had a personal disinclination to that method of obtaining finance.

The real help for voluntary organizations, if they were to continue to be voluntary, must be through the public. In the end the public must help those organizations through the crisis, and they must raise the level of their donations.

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Debate on British exports. Debatable question on European security conference.

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Debate on the Royal Navy. Motion on financial assistance to Alfred Herbert Ltd.

Far more capital available for industry to invest

LORD ORR-EWING, opening a debate on Government action to honour the intention in the Queen's Speech to encourage industrial investment, expansion, vigour and profitability in the private sector of industry, said some left-wing members in the Government continued to sneer and pretend that free enterprise had failed the nation. Industrial investment had been the target of much left-wing criticism.

British industry paid a higher corporation tax rate than competitors. This had reduced post-tax profits from which industrial investment came. Action to fight inflation had been too long postponed. Price controls had reduced profits, aggravating investment problems.

In an atmosphere of tremendous uncertainty about the future it was difficult for any board, company or group of managers to show the vigour and confidence they needed to show. Hanging over their heads was the Industry Bill and the threat of nationalization.

LORD LYELL, for the Opposition, said investment by and in the private sector of industry would be the biggest and most important step towards solving some of the problems facing this country.

Profits were the lifeblood of all industry, private as well as public. Yet there has grown up a plethora of agencies and organizations to monitor, advise, recommend and in some cases order firms in some course of action with respect to their profits.

The private industrial sector wanted nothing more than to be allowed to get on with the job that it knew and could do. The greatest help the Government could give it would be to instil confidence and stability into it.

LORD LOVELL-DAVIS, Lord in Waiting, said they were in the biggest world recession since the war. Life would not be easy, but world trade was expected to pick up from the beginning of 1976. They must be prepared to take advantage of this, which meant that industry must be investing.

There was far more capital available for industry to invest today than there was six months ago. In most cases availability of finance was not now a constraint. That alone said much for the Government's policies.

House adjourned, 5.33 pm.

Soviet interest in Community research

European Parliament
Strasburg

Nervousness at Soviet interest in community research was expressed by MR NORMANTON (United Kingdom, Cheadle, C) in a debate on research.

HERR GUIDO BRUNNER, Commissioner for research, reporting on Community research policy, said that the Council of Ministers had dealt with the energy research programme on June 26, discussing the equalization of the cost of inflation for the Community research programme and the new programme for the common research centres, without reaching a final decision.

The Commission, however, believed that on July 15, the Foreign Ministers meeting would be able to establish a programme for three years at a cost of 59m units of account (£24.5m). This would be in two phases with a review by the Foreign Ministers after 18 months when they could make changes.

The common centres, which had at one time lacked programme perspectives, had done better work, although there were still some deficiencies. Much of the research work was done on a customer basis for member countries. In the past few days there had been an expression of Soviet interest.

MR NORMANTON said that he became distinctly nervous at Mr Brunner's reference to Soviet interest in joint research. Europe had gone through one of the most traumatic and deadly dangerous situations the Community had ever known. That arose because the source of energy supply was not in the Community. They had paid a big price for the absence of security of supply of low-cost energy.

I would feel anxiety at the motivation behind Soviet interest in Community research (he said) and I would ask to what extent Community research establishments are engaged in classified work of high security and strategic interest.

If that was the case, he wanted to be assured that the confidentiality and security of classification would be maintained, where interest was being manifested from directions which had an interest in blowing it open.

The greatest leap forward in aero technology—Concorde—had been copied in almost every little detail by the Russians. This stemmed from the fact that copies of blueprints and designs which were the product of research in the Community had been handed over in their totality to the USSR.

We cannot allow that sort of thing to continue (he said) and I hope that Herr Brunner will give a clear assurance that classified and secret work is not being made available to those who would wish to destroy us economically and politically.

HERR BRUNNER said the Community did not pursue secret or confidential research in principle

UK obsession for her oil

The first speech from the British Labour delegation was made by MR TOM ELLIS (UK, Wrexham, Lab) on a report from the committee on energy, research and technology about the Commission's medium-term guidelines for coal from 1975 to 1985.

The report asked the Commission to take steps to establish a suitable long-term ratio of hard coal produced in the Community to that imported, within the framework of a common commercial policy. To this the Conservatives successfully added an amendment recognizing the need for import safeguards during periods of temporary weakness in the market.

MR ELLIS said the report referred to the possibility of removing restrictions on bringing in mineworkers from outside the Community. To bring them in would be a profound mistake, particularly in the long term. It might be a short-term palliative but if an industry was in a situation where it had to ask for outside labour, it might suggest there was something inherently wrong with it.

M SIMONET, Vice-President of the Commission, said the Commission wanted to create a situation which would allow the Community to exist if an oil crisis was created by the Middle East oil-producing states.

MR DALYELL (UK, West Lothian, Lab) said it had been said in a report to be considered in September that as large a proportion of crude oil as possible should come from Community deposits. Presumably that involved North Sea oil. This was a hot political potato for some of them.

M SIMONET said that the aim of Mr George Thomson, Commissioner for Regional Affairs, had been to improve mining areas subject to terrible spoliation.

You cannot both ask others to organize a system of protection for the production of your oil (he said) and at the same time insist that you want to keep the oil at home. It is one or the other.

He had never understood the psycho-analytical obsession of Britain for her oil. She had been given assurances about control of the oil and of its extraction rate.

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Abortion: the danger of confusing responsibility with punishment

ıanne McLaren, oductive biologist Director of the ical Research ıncil's ımalian elopment Unit, ributes this week's st column ur International nen's Year series. views McLaren expresses her own.

ion: What is easy to get ris, harder in London, and r still in Birmingham? could soon, in spite of the non Market, become scar in Britain though more ly available in France and many?

swer: A legal abortion.

ice the 1967 Abortion Act, llegal abortion business has ped, fewer women have admitted to hospital wing septic abortion, and r have died from this cause in 1965, only 12 in 1973). l abortions increased for first few years, but have levelled off at about nine cent of live birth—one of lowest rates in the world. enormous amount of indi- ial suffering, both physical mental, has been eased. *et all is not perfect.* The ional Health Service is over- ded, and bureaucratic delays und. Terminations of preg- ncies later than 12 weeks pped from 34 per cent of total in 1969 to 19 per cent 1973; but 19 per cent is still high. Regional variations hin the NHS remain as great ever. A woman in Newcastle London is three times as ly to be successful in getting NHS abortion as a woman Birmingham. More than half women who have had legal rtions since 1967 have had pay for them. In the private or there have been abuses, n as overcharging.

1971 the Government ointed the Lane Committee review the working of the; its recommendations, pub- ed in 1974, led to the intro- tion of new administrative isures by the Department of lth, designed to prevent se.

hen in February, 1975, Mr nes White's Abortion nendment) Bill was referred the House of Commons to a liamentary Select Commit- which has been reviewing dence ever since. The Bill aroused a great deal of osition from individuals and n organizations, including British Medical Association. ch of its detailed wording apparently *careless and cer-* ly ambiguous.

F the Bill were to be sed, the position of doctors uld become difficult in many ys: for example, in any criminal proceedings arising from the new Bill, the "onus of proof" that all regulations had been satisfied would "rest on the accused person", an unusual requirement under British law.

The proposed grounds on which the new Bill would permit a pregnancy to be terminated would be that its continuance posed a "grave risk to the life" or a "risk of serious injury to the physical or mental health" of the pregnant woman. How are these words to be interpreted? *Chambers's dictionary defines* grave as "of importance, *serious, not gay or showy, etc*; serious: grave, not to be taken lightly, approaching the critical or dangerous, etc". The 1967 Act is more precise as well as more liberal: it permits an abortion whenever the risks to the woman of continuing a pregnancy are greater than the risks of terminating it. It also allows the woman's environment to be taken into consideration.

Worst of all perhaps, in an area where ignorance and mis*conceptions* abound, is the restriction that would be placed on social, medical and educational authorities seeking to provide advice or information on abortion. It would become a punishable offence for such people to advise a pregnant woman even to ask her doctor for information.

There is no doubt that if Mr *White's Amendment* were to become law, the possibility of *obtaining* a legal abortion would become very much more *remote than at present.* There would be an inevitable increase in illegal and even "do-it-yourself" abortions.

Meanwhile, in January, 1975, both France and Austria passed legislation allowing abortion on demand for any woman during *the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.* In recent years up to two-thirds *of women from overseas obtain*ing abortions (non-NHS) in this country have been from France: this traffic will presumably now come to an end.

Modern methods of vacuum extraction of the uterus allow pregnancies of up to 12 weeks to be terminated rapidly and safely, on an out-patient basis. The diagnosis of pregnancy can now be confirmed *as early as* the first missed period, at a *time when most women* have not even begun to feel preg*nant. The earlier the termination*, the less physical and emotional trauma occurs.

In any country and in any circumstances, abortion is disagreeable and contraception vastly preferable. When our free family-planning service is extended and made more accessible to those in greatest need, the number of women wanting *abortions will decline. Some* find abortion totally repugnant, *or morally unacceptable; the* final decision as to whether a *pregnancy be terminated must* therefore always be up to the woman herself, even when the foetus is known to be afflicted with some crippling genetic defect. Others find the idea of compulsory motherhood and unwanted children totally repugnant or morally unacceptable; these women, too, should be free to choose.

Having children is seen by most people as a delight. On *our overcrowded planet* it is also a privilege and a responsibility. If we coerce the reluctant minority into continuing their unwanted pregnancies, are we not confusing responsibility with punishment?

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The third man steps into the limelight as an author

It cannot be often that an author begins one book and *finds himself writing another* one altogether, but this has been the case with Philip Mason, whose *Kipling: The Glass, the Shadow and the Fire* was published last month. "I really set out to write a differ*ent book. I had long thought* of the differences between the public image that a man presents to the world, and the reality of that man. The English social system, particularly the public school system, had *a considerable effect on this*, and must have been a problem for any successful man in any part of the world, particularly in the case of the English in the late nineteenth century. I thought originally of calling the book *Lonely Men*, and later *on Men in Masks*, specifically on this subject, taking four examples and writing short biographies. One was to be Kipling, and before I knew where I was I had written 45,000 words. My wife, Mary, said: 'Why don't you turn it into a *book on Kipling?*' *So I did.*"

Who were the other men in masks? "One was Wavell, whom I knew quite well, who was very different indeed from his public image, and who clearly had this double aspect of his nature. Curzon, who I thought was a fairly obvious *one, and Disraeli, because Dis*raeli was always wearing a mask, not because he had been to public school, but because he knew he was different, and felt he had either to conform, or to be different.

"People are *still* terribly hostile to Kipling, though even *if you like him*, when reading him you do come across things *that make you feel quite sick.* My American publisher says she can't read *The Woman in His Life* (which, if you remember, is about a dog) without wanting to vomit, and I feel like that to some extent with *Thy Servant a Dog*. There is also anti-Semitism—it comes out in what he wrote towards the end of his life, but the same man *could write very sympathetically* of a Jew in *Rewards and Fairies* and of the Jewish *furrier*, M'Leod, in the later story, *The House Surgeon*."

The subject of race and race hatreds and prejudices has been close to Philip Mason in his "three lives." One life of 20 years or so was devoted to India, in the Indian Civil Service. In another life he was Director of the Institute of Race Relations. "I *did feel that* it was very important to get *people to think about the sub*ject of race, and we did produce quite a number of books. Some of them were not very good, but I was always an imperfectionist—better to have a book on the subject to start people talking rather than striving for 10 years to get perfection. We did get a lot of people working on the subject, *and eventually it was really due* to our efforts that various other *bodies came* into existence. There is a great saying of the American Negro to the white liberals, "Show your wounds", and I feel deep sympathy with them. One always felt slightly guilty, but it was worth while trying from a point of view which was not totally committed, to get people to think."

As a writer, his third life, Philip Mason began as a *novelist*. "*My first book was Call the Next Witness* which was based on an actual murder case in an Indian village. I tried it first as a short story, sent it to a publisher in London, and he liked it, but said 'If you *wrote it as a novel, I would be* delighted to publish it'". So he re-wrote it, adding other themes and characters, and took it back to England on leave just before the war, and discovered that his publisher now felt that there *was no market for a book* "all about Indians." "I thought this was so stupid and unimaginative that I put it away in a cupboard. During the war I met Peter Fleming and he read it and said 'It's marvellous, it doesn't want any changes, I'll recommend Cape to do it.' When I *came to London in 1943 with* Wavell on a brief visit I rushed into Cape, and Jonathan Cape was happy with it, and published it in 1945. It was the Book Society Choice for fiction.

"I then wrote a second book about another Indian experience —life happens in rather dramatic form there." In all there were three novels—"but when I came *home from India I* didn't really feel that this was *what I wanted to do*—I didn't feel I was really a novelist. So I spent a year doing something I called a historical chronicle, *Colonel of Dragoons*—a year's research on a very minute scale into Peterborough's campaign in Spain in 1808. The trouble was that I wouldn't trust myself to writing historical books. I was awed by the vast learning (*apparently* vast learning) of professional historians. The moment *I started writing fiction* about a historical period I came *up against the historical con*science." When, for example, it came to the siege of Barcelona, would the general have had a camp bed or slept on a straw palliasse. "It took me a long time to find out but there was a bill of lading which included beds, fields, for officers, so that was all right. It really meant from a professional point of view that one was spending far too much time getting the buttons right, and it was the least successful book I have ever written. *Good reviews, though!*

"Then I did a book about the *Indian Civil Service* (two volumes under the title *The Men Who Ruled India*: *The Founders* and *The Guardians*)—the m··t successful things I have done so far—they are still in paperback, both here and in America, 15 years later. So, I thought this was probably the sort of line I should be going on with, and as one of the things that came out of it I was asked if I would like to start a study of Race *Relations at Chatham House*. It meant a certain sacrifice, making one's mind up to write books of a semi-academic sort, but I remained on this course for 17 years. Nine of my books were published under the name Philip Woodruff—the India Office preferred me to publish under a *pseudonym, so I used my* mother's name. Then I wrote nine books under my own name on various aspects of race relationships."

And so an early ambition, to be a writer, was accomplished, though at Oxford he had turned aside from this life. "I loved Oxford, but I felt the first thing I wanted to do was to get off *my father's hands, he had two* children still being educated. I also felt I wanted a stronger vocation to make writing my whole career—I knew I could always scribble something down, but I was not in any way convinced that I could get a public, and I wasn't at all *attracted to journalism*, and it seemed to be far more interest*ing then to go to India. It was a* tremendously exciting prospect, not only because of Kipling's descriptions of smells and scents. We felt we were leading India into self-government. We had devolved power to Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and now we were trying the same experience with people of different religions *and cultures from our own, if it* could be made to work. This might seem obviously the right thing to say, but I really did believe it. It was not an argument about the principle, but the pace at which this should take place."

For his next book: "I am trying to get on with something else which is completely different—a religious thing about the paradox of impracticable perfection. To take an example—if everybody turned the other cheek, should we be at the mercy of hijackers and assassins? It will come from a *series of lectures I am giving at* Oxford in the autumn." Then *there's the theme he started* with, the men in the masks, the *concept of the nineteenth-cen*tury gentleman in literature "which quite clearly meant something quite different to Dickens and George Meredith", and the growth of the defences that people put up against the terrible threat of equality. He reads his work to his wife in the evenings, and *walks around the* charming garden they have *made in the last five years deep* in the Hampshire countryside when wanting a word or turning a phrase more elegantly. The four children are grown up now, but the third life of Philip Mason, the writer, like the orchids he grows in his study, seems to be in full flower.

Philippa Toomey

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Athletics

Three injuries upset the British team

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

The British women's athletics team have suffered three withdrawals through injury which could diminish their chances of qualifying for the final of the European Cup from their semi-*final at Sofia next Sunday.*

Sharon Colyear has suffered a cartilage injury which has caused her to drop out of the 100 metres hurdles in which she will be replaced by Lorna Boothe. In the high jump the British record holder, Barbara Lawton, has had *to stand down for the diminutive* if spring-heeled Valerie Harrison. Gladys Taylor is not fit enough to be a member of the 4 x 400 metres relay squad. The team may also be without the great experience of their team manager, Marea Hartman, who has had to go into hospital.

In Sofia the British women are drawn against East Germany (who, as holders of the cup, qualify automatically for next month's *final in Nice*), Bulgaria, Netherlands, Yugoslavia, and Sweden. In addition to the powerful East Germans, the two other best teams from Sofia, Budapest and Ludenscheidt, West Germany plus France (as host nation) will go to Nice on August 16 and 17.

The British men's team for their semi-final at Crystal Palace next Saturday and Sunday also face a stiff test against Russia (like East Germany automatic qualifiers since *they hold the men's trophy*), Poland, Sweden, Spain and Bulgaria. Yesterday it was announced by the British Amateur Athletic Board that there would be five *fresh selections in the team* originally announced last month.

These are Frank Clement (1,500 metres), Brendan Foster (5,000 metres), Tony Simmons (10,000 *metres*), *Tony Staynings*, instead of the injured John Davies, in the steeplechase and, in the triple jump, David Johnson instead of the junior record holder, Aston Moore, who has failed a fitness test on his leg. Alan Pascoe, who is suffering from a hamstring *injury, will decide tomorrow* whether he should stand down in favour of Bill Hartley, his regular second string in the 400 metres hurdles.

*While the other men's semi*finals are being decided at Leipzig and Turin, the British Board will be hoping to have strong public support at Crystal Palace—not only for the morale of the home team but also because they hope not to be in the red after investing between £15,000 and £20,000 in a meeting for which they have no commercial sponsorship or government grant.

Fortunately the "pre-meeting" ticket sales are better than for any other meeting this year, no doubt partially because of the success of the Borough Road College and *Southern Counties fixtures spon*sored by Phillips. The advance entries from the other countries for this weekend include such outstanding champions as Valeriy Borzov and Viktor Saneyev (USSR), Anders Garderud and Kjell Isaksson (Sweden), Bronislaw Malinowski and Miroslaw Wodzynski (Poland) and Mariano Haro (Spain). Even the Bulgarians, who qualified only by gaining third place in their preliminary round at Athens, are *strong in the* throws.

Horse show

Fletcher and Tauna Dora outjump seven rivals

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Graham Fletcher, fresh from winning the Grand Prix in Aachen, retained the Midland Bank Great *Yorkshire show jumping* championship at his county show at Harrogate yesterday, *riding* Tauna Dora, after fighting out a finish against seven worthy opponents.

The most dangerous of all was David Broome, who jumped the first clear round on Heatwave. Pamela Dunning was also a tough rival, with two strings to her bow in *Sugar Plum (clear again in* 53.2sec) and Lady Hugh Frazer's Miniature.

Pennwood Forgemill had a brick from the last wall, Hideaway was in the water, Salvador failed to qualify and it was Heatwave, clear in 49.2sec, who made the later running until, in the closing stages, Tauna Dora cut the time to 47.4sec.

Mr and Mrs Frank Furness's *Sera Pike, the home-bred cham*pion hunter, also retained the title he won here last year.

Yesterday his half brother by Salmon King, finished second in the four-year-old class and in the novices. Their dam, also home*bred, was champion filly* at the National Hunter show and their grand dam, Asphodele, by Quai d'Orsay, was a winner in France, although she was bought in Dublin.

The winning novice, Mr Wilson's Norfolk-bred liver chestnut Lively Lad, a six-year-old, by Star Combine out of a mare by Top Star, was shown by Mrs P. McMullan, who broke him and his brother for his breeder. He appeared to have a reasonable chance of standing reserve to the champion, as also did the reserve at the Royal, Middleton Lad, who went so well *for the former* Olympic rider, David Barker, but the judges who rode several horses again, were in a quandary over the runner-up and eventually awarded it to the *Royal Windsor* champion, Lady Zinnia Pollock's Picture Play, who was bred by a Herefordshire farmer, Mr R. O. Price, and is by the Premium *stallion, Little Cloud.*

In this extremely open season, when the championship has been so well spread among so many horses, Sera Pike is the only one to have sustained a consistent record at the leading shows. It was of more than passing interest to see John Massarella's heavyweight, South Lodge, finishing well down the line in the heavyweight class, having been beaten at Lincoln two weeks earlier on his second appearance in the ring, by Douglas Bunn's Selsey Bill. Next week's competition at Peterborough, where Jack Gittins *and Selsey Bill will defend the* champion of all England gold cup, promises to be of considerable interest.

MIDLAND BANK GREAT YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, D. Fletcher's Tauna Dora; 2, Harris Carpets Ltd Heatwave (D. Broome); 3, Mrs L. Dunning's Sugar Plum.
CHAMPION HUNTER: F. W. Furness's Sera Pike. Reserve: Lady Z. Pollock's Picture Play.

Cycling

Tour de France becomes a three-man race

St Lary Soulan, July 8.—The Tour de France was reduced to a three-man race here today with half of the world's toughest cycle race still to run.

At the end of the first really *difficult mountain stage* in the Pyrenees, only the Frenchman, Bernard Thevenet, and Joop Zoetemelk, of the Netherlands, looked to have any chance of catch*ing the tour leader, Eddy Merckx.* The two men broke clear on the climb to the Pla d'Adet skiing resort above this Pyrenean town which saw the end of the eleventh *stage and left Merckx almost one* minute behind on the day.

The Belgian world champion finished fourth and added at least one and a half minutes to the back*log of all his other rivals except* the Belgian, Lucien Van Impe. He said later: "It was a hard run and I am very tired. But I have to say I am satisfied with the out*come." He now leads Thevenet by* 1min 31sec and Zoetemelk by 3min 53sec. The next man, Van Impe, who finished third today is over five minutes adrift.

STAGE: 1, J. Zoetemelk (Netherlands), 6hr 37min 18sec; 2, B. Thevenet (France), 5:27:24; 3, L. Van Impe (Belgium), 5:28:13; 4, E. Merckx (Belgium), 5:28:13; 5, L. Ocana (Spain), 5:29:13. British placing, 54, B. Hoban, 5:41:14.
OVERALL: 1, Merckx, 48:18:16; 2, Thevenet, 48:19:47; 3, Zoetemelk, 48:22:09; 4, Van Impe, 48:23:34; 5, Ocana, 48:24:59. British placing, 51, Hoban, 48:57:02.—Reuter.

Polo

Americans able to produce extra skill

By Andrew Porter

In a *belated and dramatic first* round match of the Gold Cup played at Cowdray Polo Club yesterday, Greenhill Farm defeated Stowell Park, 11—6. This tourna*ment is played without handicap* but Stowell, rated three goals less than their redoubtable American opponents, went all out to achieve the improbable with everything to gain and nothing to lose. For half the match they were level. The first chukka produced brilliant polo at top speed with Barrantes opening the scoring from a penalty. Wayman and Sharp quickly replied for Greenhill and McKay squared the score for Stowell.

In the second chukka goals by McKay and a brilliant run by Tomlinson put Stowell ahead but two from Ferguson in the third levelled the score after a thrilling struggle. In the second half Stowell continued to play as before. Barrantes never made a mistake all day, but gradually the brilliant combination and quick anticipation of the American middle piece began to take effect and Sharpe's fast little ponies were slipping by the Stowell defence. Armour hit three goals in the fourth chukka and Wayman on his famous pony, Sweet William, scored with two great shots in the fifth and two more off a good looking bay pony in *the final period*. For Stowell in the second half McKay scored with two 40-yard penalty hits.

It was a splendid game to watch and an exhibition of fast polo with the Americans in the second half producing that little extra bit in *intelligent hitting and a palpable* advantage in the schooling of their lovely ponies.

GREENHILL: J. H. Sharp (2) 1; T. Wayman (8) 2; L. Armour (7) 3; Mat R. Ferguson (5) back.
STOWELL PARK: Lord Vestey (4) 1; Capt G. S. Tomlinson (3) 2; J. McKay (5) 3; H. Barrantes (7) back.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 2, Chicago White Sox 1; Boston Red Sox 6, Minnesota Twins 3; New York Yankees 4, Texas Rangers 2; Milwaukee Brewers 4, Kansas City Royals 3; Oakland Athletics 7, Cleveland Indians 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Chicago Cubs 0; New York Mets 7, Atlanta Braves 1; St Louis Cardinals 8, San Francisco Giants 6; Houston Astros 5, Montreal Expos 1; Cincinnati Reds 7, Philadelphia *Phillies 5.*

Rifle shooting

BISLEY: Royal Navy and Royal Marines: Queen's Medal: First stage: CPO Gamblin (Air), 166; Lt-Clark (Portsmouth), 165; Lt McKay (Portsmouth), 159. Royal Navy: Submachine gun championship: *Lt Godden* (Air), 358; PO Saunders (Portsmouth), 358; PO Morrice (Air), 339. Pistol championship: Third stage: CPO R. Miller (US Navy attached Plymouth), 296; CPO Gamblin (Air), 288; PO Muir (Plymouth), 288. Inter command pistol Cup: Third stage: Plymouth, 2,137; Air, 2,127; Portsmouth, 1,904. Royal Air Force: Pistol team Salmond Cup: RAF Uxbridge, 553; RAF Scampton, 550; RAF *Brookwood*, 548. Squadrons pistol: Turner Cup: 25 Squadron v Bruggen, 241; 55 Squadron, Marham, 214. Pistol tyro match: Balahan Cup: 1, J. T. I. Nicholas (RAF North Luffenham), 339; 2, Cpl A. J. Hardy (RAF Bruggen), 298. Pistol *championship: First stage: Chief* Technician F. J. Dillon-Lee (RAF Lyneham), 101. Inter command short range rapid rifle: Dalziell Memorial: Strike Command, 722; Support Command, 719. WRAF championship: Bannatyne Cup: 75 about: 1, Cpl L. Smith (RAF Halton); 2, Sgt A. Markham (RAF Lyneham); 3, Cpl A. Garbett (RAF North Luffenham).

Tennis

Big prize money now offered in King's Cup

The King's Cup, which Britain last won in 1967 after taking the trophy for four years in succession, is to become another event for big prize money in lawn tennis. For the past 40 years, the *Cup has been contested as a Euro*pean indoor knockout team competition, along the lines of the Davis Cup.

Now it is to have a change of *format under the sponsorship of* the Swedish car firm, Saab. National teams will play in two divisions on a round robin basis. The first division will include the *eight strongest teams in Europe.* The second division will be divided into two geographical sections.

Each tie will be played home and away between January and March. The winners of each section of the second division will be promoted to the first division for the *following competition. The bottom* two countries in the first division will be relegated.

HASTAD: Men's singles: first round: E. Deblecker (France) beat R. Thume (Netherlands), 7—6, 6—3; A. Gomeney (Spain) beat U. Ericsson (Sweden), 6—3, 6—1; J. Higueras (Spain) beat A. Neely (US), 6—2, 7—5; D. Palm (Sweden) beat F. McNair (US), 7—5, 7—6; V. Pecci (Paraguay) beat A. Fel Doumi (Egypt), 7—6, 7—5. Women's singles: first round: Mrs H. *Masthof* (W Germany) beat Miss F. Bonicelli (Uruguay), 6—1, 6—4, 6—4; P. *Teegarden* (US) beat Miss D. Fromholtz (Australia), 7—6, 6—2; Miss M. Weckstedt (Sweden) beat Miss T. Newbury (US), 6—2, 7—5; Miss R. Giscafre (Argentina) beat Miss Linda Mottram (GB), 4—6, 6—4, 6—3; Miss S. Barker (GB) beat Mrs I. Bentzer (Sweden), 6—3, 6—4. Second round: Mrs Masthof beat Miss C. Sandberg (Sweden), 6—1, 6—1.

Katie Stewart

A chilling way to add excitement to summer

It was proved that ice cream can adapt itself to every occa*sion last Friday when red, white* and blue tubs with a quaint *cottage motif* were served at the American Embassy picnic celebrating Independence Day. The ice cream was made by the New England Ice Cream Company, whose range of unusual flavours, including peppermint, blueberry and, most popular of *all, Vermont maple pecan*, have proved a howling success according to Harrods food hall. What makes American ice cream so good? Susan Blackburn, whose husband runs the company, assures me it's the quality ingredients used which owe much to the high minimum standard of dairy content required by American law. Most *American ice creams* are made with a high proportion of fresh cream.

Whether you buy or make your own ice creams, they can add enormously to the excitement of summer entertaining and, at this time of year, fresh fruit ices should be given *priority. Susan Blackburn* gave me one of her husband's *recipes and a recommendation* from him that any fruit to be used in ice cream, with the exception of grapes and bananas, should be aged in sugar first. About two hours in the refrigerator will allow *the sugar to dissolve and draw* the fruit juices—a preliminary *step that will obviously improve* the flavour of the final recipe. His recipe for a seasonal *Fresh peach ice cream* would make a lovely dinner party dessert. To serve 8-10 people peel, slice and then mash 4lb ripe peaches. Stir in ¾ cup sugar and a *pinch* of salt. Cover the dish and *stand in the refrigerator* for about two hours. Meanwhile make about one quart of your own favourite vanilla ice cream, flavouring it with extract of vanilla bean to ensure a true flavour. When the mixture is partly frozen, stir in the fruit puree and return to the freezer.

Bill Blackburn recommends using the churn type freezer which is cranked by hand or its modern electrical counterpart for making the best and most velvety ice creams. And a word of warning, too, that whipped cream for these recipes *should* be beaten only until soft peaks form. *Overbeating cream* for this kind of recipe can produce a *butter* flavour which spoils the effect.

At *this* time of year raspberries make the most beautiful water ices and for these the very best flavour comes from using raw fruit which has been pureed *and* sieved to extract the seeds and skins. It can be fresh fruit from the garden or frozen fruit from the freezer. *Freezing some soft fruits*, like strawberries, breaks the cells of *the fruit to release the juices* which contain the natural flavour and colour and this is a very good way of using them. In summer I like to make the sorbet type of fruit ice which includes a small proportion of gelatine in the mixture. The gelatine acts as a stabilizer, absorbing *some of the water in* the recipe and therefore encour*aging the formation of small* ice crystals. It seems to me to be a reliable method since I make my recipes by hand.

Strawberry sorbet

Serves 6-8
1½lb strawberries
juice ½ lemon
½ pint water
2 level teaspoons powdered gelatine
6-8oz castor sugar
1 egg white *(optional)*

Blend the strawberries in a liquidizer and then pass through a sieve to get a seedless puree and add the lemon juice. Measure out two tablespoons of *the water, sprinkle in the* gelatine and allow to soak. Place the remaining water in a saucepan, add the sugar and stir to dissolve over low heat. Bring to the boil and then draw off the heat. Add the soaked gelatine and stir until dissolved. Stir into the fruit puree and leave *until cold. Freeze until mushy* —takes about four hours. Turn into a chilled basin and whip until smooth and uniform in colour. For a lighter mixture whisk the egg white until stiff and fold into the puree. Return to the freezer until firm.

Raspberry sorbet

Serves 6-8
1lb raspberries
juice of 2 oranges
½ pint water
2 *level teaspoons powdered* gelatine
6oz castor sugar
1 egg white (optional)

Blend the raspberries in a liquidizer and then pass through a sieve to make a seedless puree. Add the squeezed juice of the oranges. Measure out two tablespoons of the water, sprinkle in the gelatine and *allow to soak. Place the remain*ing water in a saucepan, add the *sugar and stir to dissolve over* low heat. Bring to the boil, then draw off the heat. Add the soaked gelatine and stir until dissolved. Stir into the fruit puree and leave until solid. Freeze until mushy, then turn into a chilled basin and whip until smooth and uniform in colour. *Whisk the egg white* until stiff and fold into the puree. *Return to the freezer* until firm.

An electric hand mixer makes the task of whisking up the frozen fruit puree very much easier. Use slow speed at first until the mixture begins to blend. But an electric *sorbetiere* can be a worth-while investment. A rectangular aluminium box with plastic paddles that keep *the mixture stirred and switches* itself off when the mixture is at the right texture for serving. There would be no need to add the gelatine when using one of these machines since the action of stirring while the mixture is freezing ensures a smooth tex*ture. You can take advantage of* your home refrigerator if it has a large freezer compartment and a two or three star classification since it maintains a low enough temperature to freeze the mixture. Otherwise they can be used in the home freezer but check that there is a plug within reach for its use.

There are some fruit ice creams that can be made with only occasional stirring, in par*ticular those which combine a* fruit puree and cream. You *really can't go wrong with such* simple ingredients. These mixtures are rich but they make an easy dinner party dessert if you serve them in small quantities. Take the ice cream from the freezer and place in the refrigerator about 15 minutes before you wish to serve it. *Then the mixture has a soft,* creamy texture and is not brick hard. Spoon out the *ice cream* —and to make it easier dip the scoop into cold water before taking each serving. Pile ice cream into a chilled glass bowl *or serving in individual glasses.* You can crumble those Italian *macaroons called Amaretti* over the top or serve crisp almond *tuiles separately.* These recipes would serve six.

Strawberry ice cream: Blend ½lb strawberries in the liquidizer and then rub through a *sieve to extract the seeds.* Add 4oz icing sugar and the juice of ½ orange. Whip ½ pint double cream to soft peaks and then fold into the puree. *Freeze.*

Raspberry ice cream: Blend 1lb raspberries in the liquidizer and then rub through a sieve to extract the seeds. Add 4oz icing sugar and the juice of ½ lemon. Whip ½ pint double *cream to soft peaks and fold* into the puree. Freeze.

Blackcurrant ice cream: Press 1lb blackcurrants through a sieve to extract the puree. You can liquidize them first on a blender, but the flavour is more delicate if they are just sieved. To the puree add 8oz icing sugar and the juice of ½ lemon. Whip ½ pint double *cream to soft peaks and then* fold into the puree. Freeze.

Lemon ice cream: Crack four egg yolks into a basin and add 4oz icing sugar. Stir well with a wooden spoon until creamy and light, then stir in the strained juice of 2 lemons. Whip ½ pint double cream to soft peaks and fold into the lemon mixture. Freeze.

These mixtures make smooth ice creams and all that is neces*sary is to turn the sides into* the centre with a fork as the *ice cream freezes. Make them* in oblong polythene freezer boxes so they can be stored covered with a lid, otherwise they do tend to dry on the surface.

Raspberry, strawberry and particularly the blackcurrant ice cream make good fillings for a *baked alaska while the* fruit sorbets blend well with other fruits. Try raspberry sorbet spooned into peach halves or into the centre of fresh pineapple slices with a little Kirsch poured over.

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SPORT

Cricket

One no-ball is all Underwood gives away in taking four wickets

By Alan Gibson

Northampton: Kent (17 pts) beat Northants (4 pts) by 228 runs.

I was staying at Rugby, in a handsome old inn full of memories of heroes such as Tom Brown and William Webb Ellis. In the middle of the night I was awakened by a pounding thunderstorm. Well, I thought, if it is doing this over at Northampton, Kent may wish they had got more of a move on in their second innings.

Sure enough, it had rained at Northampton, but the storm had passed quickly, the thirsty ground drank the rain deeply and play started on time. In fact, Kent gained an advantage, not lost one, for the pitch, never a batsman's joy, gradually became more positively helpful to the bowlers.

At the beginning of the day, Northamptonshire had lost two wickets for 27, and needed another 339 runs to win. They soon lost Sharp, the nightwatchman, and Cook: four for 66. Steele, however, was batting well, and Watts made him a resolute partner. The ball was sometimes kicking, but the pitch was too slow for Underwood, and the faster bowlers did most of the work.

In the last few years, Steele seems to have scored runs whenever I have seen him play a first-class match—which is not altogether surprising, for Dennis Brookes told me that for all his grey hairs and nearly 34 years, Steele is now in the prime of his form, which is just the way a man wants to be in his benefit year. Yesterday his batting had the correct mixture of watchfulness and adventure. It was no occasion for wild risks, but all hope would have vanished if he did not offer a challenge. So whenever he saw the opportunity, he clubbed the bowlers away, giving a couple of chances, but keeping the score moving.

Derek Underwood: he almost made the ball crackle.

Watts stayed on the defensive, but 112 had been scored when he was out, smartly caught in the gully off Jarvis. Jarvis is a likely looking prospect as fast medium bowler, and Williams, next in, is a likely looking prospect as a middle order batsman. He is not yet 18, but solidly built, curly and cherubic. He stayed till lunch. Defeat for Northamptonshire, though obviously probable, still seemed a fair distance away, the score 136 for five, Steele 84.

But the sun was beginning to shine warmly, and afterwards Underwood almost made the ball crackle. He had Steele caught in the gully, second ball. In his next over he had Sarfraz caught in the gully, and Cottam on mid-on, first ball. His next ball was a no-ball, raising arguments among all the young generation of Frindalls as to whether he could still get a hat-trick. Once more, the question did not arise, but Underwood soon had Bedi out, another gully catch, and Julien ended the innings when he had Williams caught at the wicket. That no-ball was the only run Underwood gave away in his spell after lunch, during which he took four wickets.

KENT: First Innings, 255 (M. H. Denness 84). Second Innings, 329 for 8 dec. (Denness 94, M. C. Cowdrey 52; Sarfraz Nawaz 5 for 53).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings, 118 (B. D. Julien 4 for 30).

Second Innings

R. T. Virgin, b Jarvis	11
R. Willey, c Knott, b Jarvis	1
D. S. Steele, c Luckhurst, b Underwood	84
G. Sharp, c Knott, b Underwood	9
G. Cook, c Knott, b Jarvis	7
B. J. Watts, c Denness, b Jarvis	9
R. G. Williams, c Knott, b Julien	9
Sarfraz Nawaz, c Julien, b Underwood	0
R. M. H. Cottam, c Denness, b Underwood	0
B. S. Bedi, c Luckhurst, b Underwood	1
J. C. J. Dye, not out	0
Extras (n-b 7)	7
Total	138

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—11, 2—12, 3—32, 4—66, 5—112, 6—136, 7—136, 8—136, 9—136, 10—138.

BOWLING: Julien, 19—6—37—2; Jarvis, 18—3—41—3; Underwood, 12—4—5—3; Shepherd, 10—3—19—0; Woolmer, 4—2—15—0.

Umpires: C. Cook and D. Oslear.

Declaration asks too much of Cambridge

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: Oxford University drew with Cambridge University.

For the fourteenth time in the past 16 years the University match was drawn. Left to make 206 to win in 135 minutes Cambridge were 131 for five when the end came.

It was disappointing that what had been a thoroughly good game of cricket for two and a half days should so peter out. If Glover, the Oxford captain, had the chance to reconsider his declaration he would no doubt leave Cambridge with less to do.

It was asking a lot of them to score at over 90 runs an hour with a bowler as good as Imran Khan to stop them. After making an early effort, Cambridge, in fact, had a few uncomfortable overs during the last hour. With all their recognized batsmen out, mostly going for runs, they were 87 for five with 15 overs remaining. Coverdale, however, and Russell were equal to the crisis, and Oxford, who had themselves sailed near the wind during the morning, were held off.

Having been 105 for one at 11.30, Oxford were 140 for five an hour later: 94 runs on, that was, with half their wickets gone and four and a half hours still left. The best innings for Oxford was played by Pathmanathan. Slightly built and quick on his feet, he showed a nice sense of timing and plenty of strokes. Only F. C. de Saram, from Ceylon, has made more runs in the University match than Pathmanathan.

Oxford, like Cambridge later, got themselves into trouble by taking chances, which was to their credit. Glover was out hooking, Pathmanathan driving, and Imran Khan trying to work a straight ball to leg. Tavare was well caught at short leg, low and right handed by Hignell. For an hour after that Marks and Jarrett closed the ranks, Jarrett with a hairstyle that suggested he might be going straight from Lord's to appear for the Oxford Ladies. They did well these two, adding 78 together and making sure that Glover would be able to declare.

Of the bowlers in the match none did better than the Wykehamist, Jackson, who finished with 10 for 160. Bowling left arm over the wicket, at a fairly brisk medium, he pitched the ball up and bowled straight. The most awkward bowling, but much the unluckiest, was Imran's. Generally speaking the batting was of a higher class than the bowling. There were seven or eight players on the two sides good enough to hold a place in the top half of a county order. Of these Roebuck (Somerset), Hignell (Gloucestershire), Imran (Worcestershire), and Aworth (Surrey) may get some championship cricket before the season ends.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: 356 for 9 dec (E. D. Fursdon 112 not out, G. Pathmanathan 90; E. J. W. Jackson 7 for 98).

Second Innings

*T. R. Glover, c Roebuck, b Wookey	38
A. C. Hamilton, c Hignell, b Jackson	7
G. Pathmanathan, c Hayes, b Wookey	73
Imran Khan, l-b-w, b Jackson	3
V. J. Marks, c Aworth, b Wookey	56
V. J. Tavare, c Hignell, b Jackson	0
D. W. Jarrett, st Coverdale, b Roebuck	35
E. D. Fursdon, c Allbrook, b Roebuck	7
A. R. Winfield-Digby, not out	14
†P. B. Fisher, not out	3
Extras (b 5, l-b 6, n-b 1)	12
Total (8 wkts dec)	251

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—108, 3—138, 4—139, 5—140, 6—218, 7—229, 8—238.

BOWLING: Wookey, 24—3—75—3; Jackson, 28—5—63—3; Hayes, 16—3—46—0; Roebuck, 17—6—38—2; Russell, 4—0—23—0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings, 302 for 7 dec (P. Roebuck 158, A. J. Hignell 60).

Second Innings

W. Snowden, l-b-w, b Khan	31
R. L. Smyth, c Fisher, b Fursdon	7
*C. J. Aworth, c Winfield-Digby, b Fursdon	11
P. Roebuck, l-b-w, b Marks	34
A. J. Hignell, c Fisher, b Khan	3
S. P. Coverdale, not out	14
D. P. Russell, not out	30
Extras (b 5)	5
Total (5 wkts)	131

E. J. W. Jackson, S. Wookey, P. J. Hayes, M. E. Allbrook did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—22, 3—77, 4—80, 5—87.

BOWLING: Khan, 17—3—40—2; Fursdon, 6—3—11—2; Marks, 14—3—35—1; Winfield-Digby, 4—0—20—0; Cantley, 1—1—0—0.

Umpires: J. G. Langridge and A. G. T. Whitehead.

Bowlers make their names

By Peter Marson

ILKESTON: Essex (14 pts) beat Derbyshire (6) by 94 runs.

Essex's sixth victory in the county championship was established by a quarter past four yesterday. If they had begun the day tentatively, then there was no mistaking a mounting confidence as Derbyshire's destruction became more and more the only feasible conclusion to the match.

Shortly before one o'clock, Sharpe and Hill had started out for the last time with Derbyshire needing 192 runs to win. They had oceans of time, but the question was whether their batsmen possessed the necessary ability and skill to resist and counter the speed of Boyce and Lever and the spin of East and Hobbs, all of whom would use the whims of a capricious pitch to the best advantage.

Boyce quickly gave us the answer, taking the wickets of Sharpe, Page, Bolus and Hill. Derbyshire, at 36 for four, were already on their knees, their main armament buckled and broken. Morris showed spirit and admirable resistance and, coming in at the fall of the third wicket, he held fast at one end, firing away when he could until he became the last wicket to fall.

If Boyce had prised the opening that had crippled the foe, then the willy partnership of East and Hobbs came to finish the task. Hobbs was the first to strike with Swarbrook's wicket and the last. At the other end East, with three catches and a stumping thrown in, rounded up Taylor, Venkataraghavan, Russell and Stevenson.

Rain had fallen during the early hours here and a steady drizzle filtered through sombre, lowering banks of clouds at breakfast time. The pitch, though damp, was fit for play and a prompt start was made. Hardie had made 68, McEwan five, at the close on Monday and at 159 for three, Essex led by 106 runs. The pitch interested the bowlers. Hendrick was the first to make that point. Later, Boyce was able to underline it by finding an equally disconcerting bounce. In between Venkataraghavan and Swarbrook had made the ball turn enough to ensnare Essex's middle order batsmen, namely McEwan, Turner, and Boyce.

With Swarbrook's first ball, Venkataraghavan took a fine catch at short extra cover to dismiss Hardie who had not timed his drive. Runs looked as if they might be in short supply, so Essex were grateful when Venkataraghavan and Swarbrook occasionally erred in length. McEwan quickly saw his opportunity. He sent one ball from Venkataraghavan over mid-wicket for six, and drove another from Swarbrook to the extra cover boundary. Boyce and East, too, made some telling blows.

But this was a day when bowlers would make their names, and when Essex had been dismissed at twenty to one, seven wickets had fallen for 85 runs. Venkataraghavan, supported by some excellent catching and a marvellous stumping, came away with the best analysis of six for 114.

ESSEX: First Innings, 229 (K. Stevenson 5 for 65).

Second Innings

B. R. Hardie, c Venkataraghavan, b Swarbrook	72
B. E. A. Edmeades, c Taylor, b Hendrick	22
G. A. Gooch, b Venkataraghavan	30
*K. W. R. Fletcher, c and b Swarbrook	17
K. S. McEwan, c Sharpe, b Venkataraghavan	27
S. Turner, c and b Venkataraghavan	4
K. D. Boyce, st Taylor, b Venkataraghavan	13
R. East, c Sharpe, b Hendrick	23
N. Smith, b Venkataraghavan	3
R. N. S. Hobbs, c Page, b Venkataraghavan	8
J. K. Lever, not out	0
Extras (l-b 8, n-b 1)	9
Total	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—19, 2—70, 3—130, 4—171, 5—178, 6—200, 7—211, 8—225, 9—235, 10—243.

BOWLING: Hendrick, 16.5—6—34—2; Stevenson, 7—2—30—0; Russell, 10—0—10—0; Venkataraghavan, 35—8—114—6; Swarbrook, 25—10—50—2.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings, 283 (M. H. Page 101).

Second Innings

P. J. Sharpe, lbw, b Boyce	4
A. Hill, lbw, b Boyce	0
M. H. Page, c Hardie, b Boyce	4
R. Bolus, c McEwan, b Boyce	6
A. Morris, c Smith, b Hobbs	41
F. W. Swarbrook, c Boyce, b Hobbs	14
*R. W. Taylor, c and b East	7
S. Venkataraghavan, c Fletcher, b East	0
P. E. Russell, c Boyce, b East	1
K. Stevenson, st Smith, b East	0
M. Hendrick, not out	0
Extras (b 3, n-b 8)	12
Total	97

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—12, 2—18, 3—21, 4—36, 5—78, 6—87, 7—87, 8—90, 9—95, 10—97.

BOWLING: Boyce, 10—7—11—4; Lever, 3—1—2—0; East, 13—10—11—4; Hobbs, 9.5—2—21—2.

Umpires: R. E. Barnard and C. G. Pepper.

Football

Severe first round tests for Ipswich Town and Everton

By Norman Fox

The European football union's seeding system is intended to prevent the strongest teams in the three cup competitions from meeting in the first two rounds. Derby County, Ipswich Town and Everton may not think much of the system as they contemplate their first round matches against Slovan Bratislava, Feyenoord and AC Milan respectively.

Seeded clubs are those who qualified for the semi-final round of the European Cup and Cup Winners' Cup in any of the last five seasons and the semi-final round of the Uefa Cup in the past four seasons. Clubs from countries whose national representative team qualified for the final of the 1972 European championship and all clubs from countries whose national teams finished in the first four in the 1974 World Cup are also seeded. This results in such anomalies as England's European Cup representatives, Derby County, who are seeded, playing Slovan Bratislava, a club with years of European experience but not seeded.

Neither Ipswich Town nor Everton are seeded and are plunged into severe early first round games on September 17 and October 1 as a result of yesterday's draw in Zurich. But at least Scotland's European Cup team, Rangers, have a comfortable tie against Bohemians, of the Republic of Ireland. Celtic, relegated to the Cup Winners' Cup after nine successive years in the senior competition, are drawn against Valur, Reykjavik, of Iceland, where the pitch may prove more of a test than the opposition.

This season's European competitions will place spectators on trial, especially those from Britain after the riots of the European Cup final in Paris last May. This point became the underlying theme of the affairs in Zurich yesterday when Dr Artemio Franchi, UEFA Italian president, told the representatives of the 128 clubs that last season had been spoilt "some serious incidents". He also said that UEFA had two alternatives in their efforts to combat these incidents: either punish the clubs involved or convince them of the need for preventive measures. He did not mention the relevant subject of responsibility for crowd behaviour at neutral grounds.

Reaction at Derby to the news of meeting Slovan Bratislava, seven times champions of Czechoslovakia and national Cup winners three times in the past 14 years was cautious. In the absence of the manager, David Mackay, who was in Zurich, Desmond Anderson, the assistant, said they would be meeting "formidable opposition" but were better prepared for European matches this year than when they reached the semi-final round three years ago. The game takes on extra significance because about a month after the first leg, England play Czechoslovakia in a European championship game. Derby's aim must be to keep Slovan in check in the first leg in Bratislava before going on to the attack at the Baseball ground.

As is so often the case, it is the Uefa Cup that provides some of the most fascinating matches. Ipswich Town, unfortunate to meet the unexpectedly lively Twente Enschede team in last season's first round of the Uefa Cup, now have to play Feyenoord, first in Rotterdam then on home ground. To meet the team who won the trophy in 1974 at such a stage can be seen as an early chance to test potential, provided Ipswich have gained from their brief experience of last season.

Everton are also away in the first leg, but a journey to Milan, the Cup Winners' Cup holders two years ago. Is not an excursion they would have chosen. Aston Villa, who were in the second division when they qualified for the Cup Winners' Cup should be well matched against Antwerp, and Wrexham, who paid a parade for Wales in this competition, could scrape past the Swedish club, Djurgarden, of Stockholm. The draw has created one all-British meeting between Liverpool and Hibernians in the Uefa Cup.

Yesterday's European draw

EUROPEAN CUP: Dozsa (Hungary) v Zurich (Switzerland); Real Madrid (Spain) v Dinamo Bucharest (Romania); KB Copenhagen (Denmark) v St Etienne (France); RANGERS (Scotland) v Bohemians (Rep of Ireland); Olympiakos Piraeus (Greece) v Dinamo Kiev (Soviet Union); Slovan Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) v DERBY COUNTY (England); Ruch Chorzow (Poland) v Kuopion Pallosuora (Finland); Benfica (Portugal) v Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turkey); LINFIELD (Northern Ireland) v PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands); Jeunesse d'Esch (Luxembourg) v Bayern Munich (West Germany); FWD Molenbeek (Belgium) v Viking Stavanger (Norway); Borussia Monchen Gladbach (West Germany) v Wacker Innsbruck (Austria); CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) v Sporting Lisbon (Portugal); Juventus (Italy): Floriana La Valetta (Malta) v Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia); Malmo (Sweden) v Magdeburg (East Germany); Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) v IA Akranes Reykjavik (Iceland).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Vejle BK (Denmark) v Den Haag (Netherlands); Sparta Oslo (Norway) v Slaski Rzeszow (Poland); CELTIC (Scotland) v Valur Reykjavik (Iceland); Eintracht Frankfurt (West Germany) v COLERAINE (Northern Ireland); Anderlecht (Belgium) v Romanian representative; Haladas Vasutas (Hungary) v La Valetta (Malta); Soviet Union representative v Anorthosis (Cyprus); Atletico Madrid (Spain) v Basle (Switzerland); Panathinaikos (Greece) v Sachsenring Zwickau (East Germany); Slavia Sofia (Bulgaria) v Sturm Graz (Austria); WREXHAM (Wales) v Djurgarden Stockholm (Sweden); Besiktas Istanbul (Turkey) v Fiorentina (Italy); Home-Farm Drumcondra (Republic of Ireland) v RC Lens (France); Borac Banja Luka (Yugoslavia) v US Rumelange (Luxembourg); Reipas Lahti (Finland) v WEST HAM UNITED (England); Spartak Trnava (Czechoslovakia) v Boavista Porto (Portugal).

UEFA CUP: Alk Stockholm (Sweden) v Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union); Hertha Berlin (West Germany) v HIK Hoisinki (Finland); Holbaek BIF (Denmark) v Stal Mielec (Poland); Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) v Olympique Marseille (France); Antwerp (Belgium) v ASTON VILLA (England); Second Dutch representative v GLENTORAN (Northern Ireland); Molde SK (Norway) v Oster Vaxjoe (Sweden); Keflavik (Iceland) v DUNDEE UNITED (Scotland); HIBERNIAN (Scotland) v LIVERPOOL (England); Gais Gotegorg (Sweden) v Slask Wroclaw (Poland); Cologne (West Germany) v B 1903 Copenhagen (Denmark); ATHLONE TOWN (Northern Ireland) v Valerengen Oslo (Norway); Feyenoord (Netherlands) v IPSWICH TOWN (England); Bruegge (Belgium) v Olympique Lyonnais (France); Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) v RS San Sebastian (Spain); Porto (Portugal) v Avenir Beggen (Luxembourg); Young Boys Berne (Switzerland) v Hamburg SV (West Germany); AC Milan (Italy) v EVERTON (England); Sliema Wanderers (Malta) v Sporting Lisbon (Portugal); Inter Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) v Real Saragossa (Spain); Rapid Bucharest (Romania) v Pirsui (Czechoslovakia); Honved Budapest (Hungary) v Duisburg (West Germany); Cypriot representative v PAOK Salonika (Greece); Barcelona (Spain) v AS Roma (Italy); Dunav Russe (Bulgaria) v Lazio Rome (Italy); Chernomorets Odessa (Soviet Union) v Galatasaray Istanbul (Turkey); Rapid Vienna (Austria) v Vojvodina Novi Sad (Yugoslavia); AEK Athens (Greece) v AS Armata Tirgu (Romania); Dinamo Dresden (East Germany) v Voest Linz (Austria); Vasas Budapest (Hungary) v Napoli (Italy); Torpedo Moscow (Soviet Union); Second Romanian representative v Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia); Levsky-Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria) v Eskisehirspor (Turkey).

Imprisonment for football hooligans urged

The permissive society must take the blame for the juvenile thugs that infest football and are dragging its name down, states the latest issue of *Football News*. It calls for Parliament to act against the hooligans who are forcing the real supporter to stay away from matches by inflicting heavy punishments, including imprisonment.

The call follows last season's incidents involving Tottenham Hotspur supporters in the Netherlands and those of Leeds United in Paris for the European Cup Final.

"These fans are the product of our permissive society—and society must take the blame", the editorial states, "Society it is that allows these animals the freedom and the money to go on these jaunts. Society should stop pandering to them and start making examples of them. Take away their money and their liberty. Fine them heavily and imprison them."

There is criticism of Denis Howell, the minister responsible for sport, in his efforts to stamp out hooliganism. "He should stop examining club grounds for ways and means to cage these hooligans. Instead he should get Parliament to enforce heavy punishments for the offenders."

The editorial points out that the blame cannot be laid firmly at the doors of the football clubs. "Leeds, Manchester United, Newcastle, Tottenham, Rangers, or whoever, do not want these hooligans, nor can it be said that they really encourage them.

"Unfortunately, success seems to breed these unwanted ruffians and they are just as likely to transfer their 'affections' from a waning club to one enjoying a more successful period. There are, for instance, many Manchester United fans who rarely get to Old Trafford. Being based in other areas, such as London, they emerge for United's games around the capital.

"Some of these fans are just juvenile thugs and they are as likely to attach themselves to Spurs fans enjoying a good or to West Ham United supporters on a trip to a European tournament. Wire fences and seats have been put forward as ways to curb these monsters. Events in Holland and Paris have proved these theories hopelessly wrong.

"How can any football club stop the public from going about sporting a scarf or rosette in the team colours? The Dutch authorities did no one any favours when they allowed rioting British fans to return home without any punishment after a Tottenham-Feyenoord game.

"Paris officials likewise allowed revellers similar freedom after the 'Battle of Paris'. If they were pressurized into doing so by the British Embassy 'looking after British citizens abroad' then the British Embassy gets no credit."

The editorial also asks another pertinent question: "Were the passports of these ruffians confiscated and their names blacklisted for any future travel abroad? If not, why not?"

Rugby Union

Gate-taking clubs are hopeful of success

The main gate-taking rugby clubs in England are confident they will succeed in getting direct representation on the Rugby Union committee at the annual meeting of the RFU on Friday. In what is likely to be one of the liveliest annual meetings for many years the clubs are asking for four seats on the main RFU committee. The Rugby Union propose a special sub-committee on which the clubs will have eight representatives.

In support of their claim for direct representation on the main committee, the major clubs have written to all member clubs and constituent bodies of the RFU, setting out their aims and quoting the Mallaby Report on the game in England.

Mallaby recommended that the gate-taking clubs be "afforded official recognition and given appropriate representation." The Rugby Union have countered this by writing to all the unions and clubs setting out why they cannot support the Mallaby recommendation and stating why a major club's sub-committee would serve the clubs better than direct representation.

Christopher Winn, fixture secretary of Rosslyn Park, who will propose the major clubs' amendment, supported by David Boult, of Liverpool, claims that they have strong backing from many non-major clubs in all parts of the country. "We know that there are members of the RFU Committee and of constituent bodies, who recognise the urgent need for direct major clubs' representation to strengthen the RFU committee and play a vital role in policy making at all levels," says Mr Winn.

To achieve their aim, the major clubs need 75 per cent of the votes. If the amendment is defeated the clubs will call for a special meeting to discuss the Rugby Union's proposals on the Mallaby Report. The representation of Oxford and Cambridge and the Services on the main committee will also be discussed.

Rugby League

New moves to introduce the 'sin bin'

New moves to introduce a "sin bin" into Rugby League matches will be made at the conference in Salford on July 20. The meeting will discuss the proposal for the operation of a "sin bin" for disciplining players, suggested by the International Board after a favourable trial period in New Zealand.

The proposed new system will call for the referee to display a yellow card to players temporarily expelled from the game and a red one to signify permanent expulsion.

The International Board have also issued the Rugby League world championship programme for the second phase of the competition, in Europe in the Autumn. What could be the crucial match between Wales and Australia is planned for October 18.

FIXTURES: October 11: France v England. October 19: France v New Zealand; Wales v Australia. October 25: France v Australia; England v New Zealand.
November 1: England v Australia; Wales v New Zealand. November 8: Wales v France.

Sussex v Yorkshire

AT HOVE

Yorkshire (17 pts) beat Sussex (6) by two wickets.

SUSSEX: First Innings, 228 (A. E. W. Parsons 80; C. M. Old, 5 for 81).

Second Innings

G. A. Greenidge, c Robinson, b Cope	50
J. R. T. Barclay, c Bairstow, b Old	7
A. L. W. Parsons, lbw, b Cooper	17
P. J. Graves, lbw, b Old	85
*A. W. Greig, b Cope	50
J. J. Groome, c Bairstow, b Old	6
J. A. Snow, b Cope	24
†A. W. Mansell, c Hampshire, b Cope	0
C. E. Waller, c Old, b Carrick	0
J. Spencer, c and b Carrick	8
A. N. C. Wadey, not out	0
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 2)	6
Total	250

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—33, 2—40, 3—141, 4—145, 5—187, 6—219, 7—219, 8—230, 9—234, 10—250.

BOWLING: Old, 17—3—55—3; Robinson, 13—3—40—0; Cooper, 13—3—32—1; Carrick, 23.2—7—40—2; Cope, 18—3—35—4; Sidebottom, 3—0—18—0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings, 264 (A. Sidebottom 69; J. A. Snow 5 for 54).

Second Innings

R. G. Lumb, c Mansell, b Greig	10
G. A. Cope, c Greenidge, b Greig	30
R. A. J. Townsley, c Graves, b Greig	8
*J. H. Hampshire, b Greig	55
D. J. Squires, c Graves, b Barclay	2
C. M. Old, c Graves, b Barclay	8
A. Sidebottom, c Graves, b Greig	4
D. L. Bairstow, l-b-w, b Snow	18
P. Carrick, not out	14
H. P. Cooper, not out	3
Extras (b 28, l-b 8, w 1)	37
Total (8 wkts)	195

A. L. Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—45, 2—57, 3—119, 4—119, 5—140, 6—144, 7—160, 8—181.

BOWLING: Snow, 15.5—3—37—1; Greig, 30—13—45—5; Spencer, 3—0—9—0; Waller, 11—2—27—0; Barclay, 7—2—23—2.

Umpires: A. E. Fagg and P. B. Wight.

Worcester v Warwick

AT WORCESTER

Worcestershire (8 pts) drew with Warwickshire (7).

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 310 for 8 (B. L. D'Oliveira 73, T. J. Yardley 57).

Second Innings

G. M. Turner, c Kanhai, b Lewington	89
J. A. Ormrod, c Jameson, b Bourne	1
D. J. O. Hemsley, b Lewington	83
J. M. Parker, c Jameson, b Lewington	17
B. L. D'Oliveira, c Kanhai, b Hemmings	20
T. J. Yardley, c Whitehouse, b Lewington	22
†G. R. Cass, c Hemmings, b Lewington	1
J. D. Inchmore, b Lewington	8
*N. Gifford, c Bourne, b Lewington	6
V. A. Holder, c Amiss, b Hemmings	5
J. Cumbes, not out	0
Extras (b 4, l-b 8, w 1)	13
Total	265

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—2, 2—174, 3—191, 4—215, 5—224, 6—245, 7—248, 8—254, 9—265, 10—265.

BOWLING: Brown, 16—3—40—0; Bourne, 9—2—37—1; Hemmings, 34.1—9—88—2; Perryman, 9—3—19—0; Jameson, 6—3—13—0; Lewington, 16—3—62—7.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings, 413 for 4 (J. A. Jameson 52, A. I. Kallicharran 137, R. B. Kanhai 143 not out).

Second Innings

J. A. Jameson, not out	44
D. L. Amiss, c Ormrod, b Holder	0
J. Whitehouse, not out	19
Extras (nb 4)	4
Total (1 wkt)	67

A. I. Kallicharran, R. B. Kanhai, *D. L. Murray, E. E. Hemmings, W. A. Bourne, *D. J. Brown, P. J. Lewington, S. P. Perryman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1—5.

BOWLING: Holder, 3—0—16—1; Inchmore, 2—0—6—0; D'Oliveira, 6—1—18—0; Gifford, 5—1—25—0.

Umpires: B. J. Meyer and H. Horton.

Notts v Middlesex

AT NOTTINGHAM

Nottinghamshire (8 pts) drew with Middlesex (8).

MIDDLESEX: First Innings, 303 (C. T. Radley 98, H. A. Gomes 84).

Second Innings

M. J. Smith, b White	108
P. J. Edmonds, c Smedley, b Tunnicliffe	30
G. D. Rudley, b Rice	12
N. G. Featherstone, c Harris, b Rice	2
M. W. Gatting, b Stead	4
*J. M. Orchard, b White	35
M. J. Vernon, c Rice, b Wilkinson	0
†I. M. Lamb, not out	11
M. W. W. Selvey, l-b-w, b Wilkinson	0
*J. M. Brearley, not out	7
Extras (b 5, l-b 6, w 1)	12
Total (8 wkts dec)	224

H. A. Gomes did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—74, 2—135, 3—137, 4—138, 5—202, 6—205, 7—205, 8—224.

BOWLING: Rice, 17—3—60—2; Stead, 20—1—77—1; Wilkinson, 9—2—26—2; White, 10—3—39—2; Tunnicliffe, 6—1—17—1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings, 361 (D. W. Randall 80, P. A. Wilkinson 57, B. J. Rice 56, P. D. Johnson 54; M. W. W. Selvey 6 for 101).

Second Innings

M. J. Harris, l-b-w, b Selvey	11
B. Hassan, l-b-w, b Selvey	4
*M. Smedley, c Featherstone, b Selvey	3
G. E. B. Rice, c Vernon, b Selvey	47
D. W. Randall, c Featherstone, b Edmonds	6
P. D. Johnson, hit wkt, b Selvey	18
R. A. White, c Vernon, b Selvey	4
H. T. Tunnicliffe, not out	27
K. C. Latchman, not out	5
Extras (l-b 1)	1
Total (7 wkts)	126

P. A. Wilkinson, B. Stead did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—15, 2—16, 3—25, 4—48, 5—75, 6—81, 7—111.

BOWLING: Selvey, 19.4—5—54—6; Vernon, 4—0—10—0; Edmonds, 16—5—36—1; Featherstone, 2—2—0—0.

Umpires: W. E. Alley and W. E. Phillipson.

Surrey v Leicester

AT THE OVAL

Surrey (17 pts) beat Leicestershire (4) by one wicket.

SURREY: First Innings, 239 (Intikhab Alam 54; N. M. McVicker 5 for 56).

Second Innings

A. R. Butcher, c Illingworth, b McKenzie	0
*J. H. Edrich, b McVicker	14
G. P. Howarth, c Tolchard, b McKenzie	0
Younis Ahmed, c Birkenshaw, b McKenzie	9
G. R. J. Roope, lbw, b Higgs	4
D. R. Owen-Thomas, b Illingworth	14
†L. E. Skinner, b Illingworth	6
Intikhab Alam, not out	20
R. D. Jackman, c Davison, b Illingworth	0
G. G. Arnold, b Illingworth	8
P. L. Pocock, not out	10
Extras (l-b 9, n-b 2)	11
Total (9 wkts)	93

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—0, 3—13, 4—27, 5—39, 6—48, 7—51, 8—51, 9—65.

BOWLING: McKenzie, 9—4—16—3; Higgs, 17—3—29—1; McVicker, 6—1—16—1; Illingworth, 9.5—3—20—4; Balderstone, 2—1—1—0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 68 (G. G. Arnold 5 for 17).

Second Innings

R. Dudleston, c Skinner, b Intikhab	46
J. F. Steele, c Roope, b Pocock	71
J. C. Balderstone, st Skinner, b Intikhab	49
B. F. Davison, c Roope, b Butcher	20
*R. Illingworth, not out	41
R. W. Tolchard, c Jackman, b Arnold	13
J. Birkenshaw, c Skinner, b Jackman	11
P. Booth, b Jackman	0
N. M. McVicker, c Skinner, b Jackman	5
G. D. McKenzie, b Intikhab	15
N. Higgs, c Edrich, b Pocock	2
Extras (b 3, l-b 7)	10
Total	283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—85, 2—140, 3—155, 4—208, 5—226, 6—245, 7—245, 8—253, 9—276, 10—283.

BOWLING: Arnold, 23—3—63—1; Jackman, 15—5—28—3; Butcher, 21—6—36—1; Pocock, 38.5—15—69—3; Intikhab, 29—7—76—3; Roope, 2—0—11—0.

Umpires: W. L. Budd and A. E. G. Rhodes.

Hants v Gloucester

AT BOURNEMOUTH

Hampshire (16pts) beat Gloucestershire (5) by 174 runs.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings, 204 (A. J. Murrain 65; J. Davey 4 for 66). Second Innings, 321 for 8 dec (R. A. Richards 79, R. V. Lewis 67, T. E. Jesty 61; J. Davey, 13.3—3—39—3; J. H. Shackleton, 11—3—35—1; R. D. V. Knight, 8—1—32—0; A. S. Brown, 12—3—30—0; D. A. Graveney, 20—6—41—2; J. H. Childs, 24—8—77—3).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 156 (Sadiq Mohammad 78; A. M. E. Roberts 4 for 39).

Second Innings

Sadiq Mohammad, c Greenidge, b Rice	71
†A. W. Stovold, c Stephenson, b Roberts	7
Zaheer Abbas, c Richards, b Southern	21
R. D. V. Knight, c Rice, b Southern	17
D. R. Shepherd, c Jesty, b Southern	0
J. Shackleton, c Jesty, b Rice	6
J. Davey, c Richards, c Southern	11
J. H. Childs, not out	0
Extras (b 3, w 1, n-b 2)	6
Total	139

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—26, 2—89, 3—115, 4—124, 5—133, 6—137, 7—138, 8—138, 9—138, 10—139.

BOWLING: Roberts, 16—6—21—1; Herman, 3—0—5—0; Rice, 20—4—46—3; Jesty, 4—2—22—0; Southern, 20.2—7—46—6; Sainsbury, 2—2—0—0.

Umpires: J. F. Crapp and K. E. Palmer.

County championship

	P	W	L	D	Bts	Bls	Pts
Lancs (8)	10	6	1	3	30	35	125
Essex (12)	10	5	1	4	30	31	121
Hants (2)	10	5	3	2	32	34	130
Kent (10)	10	5	3	2	29	36	117
Yorks (11)	11	4	1	6	33	38	110
Leics (4)	10	4	1	5	23	33	96
Surrey (7)	10	3	1	6	37	34	93
Warws (9)	10	4	4	2	19	32	91
Nntts (15)	10	2	3	5	29	30	81
Northants (3)	10	3	5	2	18	38	86
Glams (16)	10	3	4	3	21	29	80
Somerset (5)	10	2	4	4	28	34	80
Worcs (1)	10	2	2	6	32	32	72
Middx (6)	10	2	3

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y Player, last year's winner, hands back the Open trophy to the Royal and Ancient mpionship committee's chairman, Bill Miller, at Carnoustie yesterday.

Nicklaus practises for the Open with a special incentive

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'o an extent hardly less than t which applied to Ben Hogan 1953, Jack Nicklaus has once in been the dominating figure the preliminaries leading up to 104th Open championship, ch begins at 7.30 this morning Carnoustie.

e has struck a rich seam in ctice, but knows how to handle slightly uncomfortable feel- It has happened to him ore. Sometimes, as at Baltusrol 967 when he set a record for *United States Open*, the nentum carries right through; other times his form has been *ecognizable when play started.* any case, he says, the greens be slicker on the day, the placings tougher, the weather ably quite different.

evertheless one cannot ignore gether the indication that his ving pattern" to which he mantly refers is all right. He the special incentive that ory here this week would give the Grand Slam (the two ns, the Masters and the erican PGA) three times over, two extra Masters bringing total to 14 professional major ories. His 13-year-old son, who led Muirfield manfully at the kend with his father, would be to witness it. Equally ortant is that we are only e months away from an exhibi- of the finest golf he has ever ed—at the Masters in April.

: is right that he should be ourite, but it remains true that he 13 consecutive British Opens has played since 1962 someone managed to finish ahead of n on 11 occasions. That is not belittle the best record of any- e in the field (he has finished urth four times and *third twice*), to demonstrate that the best seldom, the next best only e and the vast majority never. Veiskopf has played half a en rounds, most of them in the low of Nicklaus's figures. ch has suited him for he has ed well without attracting ntion. He says that it is normal him to prepare so thoroughly a major championship and that way he enjoys playing in this ntry, *which gave him his first,* only major championship. A ge of wind is forecast for *y and that would* make it a course for everyone, but at t in the past week there has nothing to ruin a man's hm.

ulmer, Spanish Open and ish PGA champion, has re- nd the winning way in Europe. here is any way after 10 years he could regain a footing in or championship country, it must be via this event removed from his frenzied following and in conditions which he was the first of the modern Americans to master. He showed at Sandwich that he is more at home on links in a wind than anyone except perhaps Thomson. He would give a kingdom, no doubt, for the gift of half a dozen 12-foot putts this week.

Miller's early inspiration, which won him three tournaments before the United States tour moved out *of the south-west, appears to have* quietened down. He is not playing with the fullest confidence. "I am a fairly optimistic guy, but I am not feeling that optimistic right now", he said. But I would not take too seriously the fact that he hits a high ball. In far from still conditions at Troon he finished second.

Irwin's odds have shortened before the race, not because of any drastic news from his stable, but *from a realization that he has been* the man in form in the United States. He won twice there in June and admits that it has all come back to him. Like Weiskopf, he enjoys the challenge of the course, and views it as intelligently as anyone in the field. I like the chances of both of them, if one is looking, as one must, elsewhere than at the favourite.

Graham Marsh says he has been driving better this year than ever *before, but has lost something of* his putting. Driving is of first importance, and on these not too demanding greens his putting might find inspiration. Player's preparation and his form in the United States Open do not inspire confidence here. A note of resignation in his voice may turn out to be mere smokescreen, but before the Open one cannot make bricks without straws in the wind. By the same token Miller seems to be *waiting for something to turn up,* rather than to be willing to go out and find it.

Trevino has reported fit. A reprieve such as he had when lightning struck him a fortnight ago may be as good as a tonic and he may raise his long game to the required levels this week.

I undertook yesterday to name the magnificent nine in the field who led in the order of merit in America after their Open: Miller, *Nicklaus, Irwin, Weiskopf,* Watson, Mahaffey, Littler, Geiberger and Trevino. In the face of as big a galaxy of talent as the United States has ever sent across, the British threat looks smaller than ever. What can one find to say of the chances of those who in their own order of merit yield eleven places in the first sixteen to overseas players, headed by none other than Palmer, who has only to do well here to make sure of winning the Vardon Trophy.

After Darcy, of Ireland, Barnes is leading Britain in the PGA order of merit and he is the Briton to whom I give the best chance here. He tied sixth here last time and is, I think, one of the few who would not be frightened of the daunting finish. He has a *big match-temperament* and that is a hard enough quality to acquire these days. Of the younger *players, Carl Mason keeps* reminding us of his quality, but has he or young Chillas enough armourplate to survive to the end of this ordeal?

A distillation of the leading players' views of the course over the past few days shows them to have said much the same thing in different ways. They have all pointed to the paradox of *seaside* golf generally: that in easy conditions it is easier than inland, but *that in normal conditions of wind* it is much harder. Thus the writer, accustomed, with good reason, to describing, luridly, the difficulties of Carnoustie, stops with hand poised above typewriter to listen to Palmer talking about the possible lowering of his old Open record of 276 and to digest the hard fact that Nicklaus has averaged *six under par for four* of his practice runs.

What matters is that there *should be a worthy champion.* Armour, Cotton, Hogan and Player are the winners here, and unless anyone think that Armour was the lightweight of that party, he should remember that Darwin wrote of him: "None, not even J. H. Taylor or Vardon at his best, ever laid so many iron shots close to the hole."

Yet driving is still the key here. In spite of fast running fairways and a reduction of 200 yards in length, the course has still to be played by woods probably into the 14th and 16th greens, a one-iron perhaps into the 15th, and a three-iron at the 18th. It will still keep a man among golfers to handle it. The truest words on the course were spoken by *Nicklaus,* who said that considering the drought conditions the course had held up well. Discoloured the fairways may be, but there is more growth on them than, for example, at Troon. The bunkers are neat, and the greens first class. Considering what might have been, wonders have been done.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	406	4	10	453	4
2	464	4	11	372	4
3	348	4	12	478	5
4	379	4	13	186	3
5	397	4	14	488	5
6	524	5	15	461	4
7	397	4	16	235	3
8	174	3	17	454	4
9	421	4	18	448	4
Out	3,510	36	In	3,555	36

ittler is happy with effect of his Zebra

Lewine Mair

was a round at Tucson in ary, in which he returned a the 61 of his playing partner, Miller, that Gene Littler *zed how badly* he was putting. eek later, when preparing for Bing Crosby tournament at le Beach, Littler, in his eration, picked up a putter h had been designed by his. He used it at Pebble Beach e Arnold Palmer was using ber in the Penfold tournament oyal St Georges. Both won.

e Zebra, as it is commonly n, is a cub with a kink in shaft and a mallet head *ted by seven parallel* black which makes it easy to line Littler insists that it is by the best balanced putter he used The former American n champion went on to win the nament at Memphis and, as he into this Open at Carnoustie, Zebra is still effective. There though, a part of his game which worries him: his driving: "I'm pushing everything out to the right, finding many bunkers."

Operated on in April 1972 for cancer of the lymph gland, Littler had the impression from his doctors that he would never again be able to play tournament golf: "They had to cut away several *muscles from my left side and* back and they were well aware that golf is a left-sided game." However, he was soon given permission to start practising. He played, did weightlifting and swimming to build up those muscles he had left and, so fit did he feel by October of that year, that he set out to play in *the Pacific Open.*

With his smooth swing apparently looking the same as it had always done, Littler finished in seventh place: "Finishing so high", he recalled, "gave me a tremendous boost. I felt that if I could come in seventh so soon after the operation, there was no reason why I could not return to the American tour." The following year he won the St Louis children's hospital tournament. Not surprisingly, the win gave him more pleasure than any that had gone before.

Teaching is a part of the game which holds no interest for Littler. Indeed, he finds the way in which people expect an instant cure frustrating. On the subject of present techniques he believes that too much emphasis is placed on length: "When we were brought up, direction was everything. Today, young players are encouraged to bust the ball off every tee."

Modern golf architecture, he feels, is largely responsible for this trend. With no rough and bunkers sited only to catch the average golfer, the longer players can hit their way out of trouble. "I will always believe", concluded Littler, "that the first question which *should be asked* of a golfer is 'Can he hit the ball straight?'".

ulley, Luckyslap, Long and partners

e following is a selection of s at Carnoustie on which ation is most likely to be sed this week. The second, 12th, 15th and 16th caused trouble in 1968 when the n was last held there. The and 18th are the most roversial holes—since they been reduced in length by *ards and 77 yards respectively.*

(Gulley): 464 yards (par); Braid's bunker in the dle of the narrow fairway 240 s from the tee poses a threat he drive; then follows a long nd to the narrow green, a cult target into the wind.

(Long): 524 yards (par five); ards shorter than seven years and the bunkers in the middle of the fairway can now be flown; big hitters will expect to get up in two at the well-bunkered and angled green, although there is *out-of-bounds all down the green.*

10 (South America): 453 yards (par four); the Barry Burn runs *across the fairway just short of* the green but is no great problem if the drive first clears the clutch of bunkers.

12 (Southward Ho): 478 yards (par five); one of Carnoustie's great holes, with a ditch on the right side; only just a par five, with lots of room for the drive but the approach to the green is between mighty mounds.

15 (Luckyslap): 461 yards (par four); a straightforward hole with plenty of room for the drive and a breather before Carnoustie's punishing finish.

16 (Barry Burn): 235 yards (par three); although a few *yards shorter* than in 1968, it still requires a long and accurate tee shot and only the big men will make it if the wind is unfavourable. The Barry Burn is on the left and there are also six sand traps.

18 (Home): 448 yards (par four); a par five in 1968 but relatively innocuous because few players attempted the carry with the second shot over the Burn just short of the green; now, from 77 yards *less distance,* they will have to attempt it in spite of the threatening out-of-bounds *and surrounding bunkers.*

Racing

Better field for the St Leger is assured

By Jim Snow

The most important breakaway *from tradition at Doncaster is the* late date for the closing of entries for the St Leger. They closed this year in the first week of July. Entries were previously made when a colt or a filly was a yearling. A well-bred yearling was automatically *entered for the St Leger,* two years ahead, and was then struck out when it was found that as a two-year-old he was not fast enough to be placed in a selling race at Carlisle or Folkestone.

The late closing date for the St Leger gives owners and trainers time to have a good look at their horses, and if they measure up *to expectations they can be* entered for the St Leger just two months before the race. The entry fee is naturally much larger than it used to be when horses had to be entered as yearlings. This must be a step in the right direction, and *it should produce bigger* and stronger fields than in recent years for the final classic.

The decision of the *Doncaster* executive to leave the door open until two months before the big *race will,* I feel sure, lead to a better class field of three-year-olds who have in their first and second seasons of racing shown that they are in the top class and, on form, possible winners of the big race in September.

The Red House Stakes at Doncaster this evening (6.15) may be won by Peter Walwyn's Pigsticker, *who had four lengths in his favour* at Wolverhampton last month. Patrick Eddery will have to get *a move on, since he is riding at* Newmarket in the afternoon, and he and William Carson will be in the same aircraft on their journey northward.

Charles Hall's grey four-year-old Man Alive is my choice for the Leeds Handicap (two and a quarter miles). He carries top weight of 9st 8lb, nearly 2st more than he had when just missing a place in the £13,000 Joe Coral Northumberland Plate behind Grey God. However, *the opposition is much* less formidable this evening. Man Alive ran a good race considering it was his first in 1975. He stays two miles and more, and acts well on firm ground. Perhaps the main danger will be Bruce Hobbs's Jemimaville, beaten a head at Lingfield Park by French Princess.

Eddery will have another good ride on Sindab from Bill Watts's Richmond, Yorkshire, stable in the Rotherham Handicap. The injured Edward Hide would have ridden Sindab, and in the last three weeks I can think of a dozen winners he would have had since he was brought down in a fall at *York on June 13, and broke his* leg badly in two places. At that stage he was hard on the heels of Eddery and Piggott.

There are big fields for the Barnsley Plate for two-year-olds and the Wakefield Plate for maiden three-year-olds and upwards. Romany Charter, owned and trained by Dick Peacock, ran well at Newcastle two weeks ago to finish third to Senator Sam, a winner again at Edinburgh on Monday. He is preferred to Mr Marisbridge, in the race for two-year-olds. For the Wakefield Plate the *soundest choice could be John* Oxley's Phlegon, a close second over the Doncaster round mile in May.

Don Fortune may run in Ebor

Don Fortune became a possible contender for the Ebor Handicap at York on August 20 when running on gamely for a narrow win over Netherkelly in the Norseman *Lager Handicap at Pontefract* yesterday.

Ezra, as usual, set a scorching *pace but two furlongs from home* was passed by 25-1 chance Netherkelly. Greville Starkey waited until inside the final furlong before bursting through to take up the running on the odds on favourite.

The assistant trainer Michael Ryan said, "Don Fortune is a lazy horse. He just won't do a tap more than he has to. He is entered in all the big handicaps and is a possible for the Ebor."

Low prices for inferior stock

Newmarket's three-day July Sales got off to a slow start last *evening, when prices for generally* inferior stock were low. Top price of the session was 880 guineas, given by Lambourn Bloodstock Services for a three-year-old filly, Dancing Tara. This daughter of Caliban was submitted by a London club owner, Henry Zeisel.

Dancing Tara won once as a two-year-old at Bath and was *placed twice. She will now race* in Trinidad.

During the evening, 29 lots (including one private) changed hands for 8,925 guineas, an average of 307 guineas.

Time for old Tiggywinkle sparkle

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The high standard set yesterday should be maintained on this the second day of the July meeting at Newmarket. The Bunbury Cup, *with a field of 14, looks wide open.* My selection is Mrs Tiggywinkle, who finished third in the 1,000 Guineas last year and by way of a coincidence dare I suggest that the Duchess of Montrose Stakes will also be won by the filly who *finished third in the 1,000* Guineas this year—Joking Apart. Stranger things have happened.

Mrs Tiggywinkle has certainly taken time to recapture her sparkle of old but by first finishing fifth in the Cork and Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot only a little under a length behind Wingtime and then by finishing only a head behind Tolspring in the Home Ales Gold Tankard Handicap at Nottingham she has given a clear warning in the past month that we can expect to see her win a good prize before long. Perhaps today will be the day.

Carrying only 8 st 8 lb, Mrs Tiggywinkle just could be leniently treated. But so, too, could Yonge St Clare, *who has won twice at* York since she failed narrowly to land the Victoria Cup at Ascot. Tolspring is the key figure in any argument that suggests that there is little between Mrs Tiggywinkle and Yonge St Clare. He ran *Yonge St Clare to a short head at* York in May. Mrs Tiggywinkle and Yonge St Clare could be a trifle too strong for the top weight, Deerslayer, who ran the race of his life at Royal Ascot, where he lost the Queen Anne Stakes in only the last second. He has 9 st 13 lb to carry and that is a cruel burden.

A feature of the race is the presence in the field of a number of good three-year-olds headed by Hillandale, who surpassed anything he had done before at Royal Ascot when he finished third in the Jersey Stakes just behind Gay *Fandango and Joking Apart. His* performance that day was praiseworthy because he was giving them weight. Hillandale seems to still have the beating of Rozel Buoy, who finished fourth in the race.

A greater danger to them all could come from the *handsome* grey, All Friends, who won the Diomed Stakes at Epsom on Derby Day and then finished fourth in the St James's Palace Stakes at Ascot. Penny Post, lurking near the foot of the handicap, should also prove troublesome. Although he is trained in Yorkshire, three of his four races have been at Newmarket and he has run well on each occasion.

When last seen he won the Great Eastern Handicap from Court Chad, who then beat Rozel Buoy at Lingfield Park. Takire a line through Court Chad, Penny *Post seems to have a good chance* of beating Rozel Buoy, but he still may not be good enough to win the prize. Swanee River, disappointing in the main this season, will be wearing blinkers for the first time. They could make all the difference.

Joking Apart is my selection for the Duchess of Montrose Handicap. *The distance of the race is* seven furlongs and that could well be the ideal race if I read the 1,000 Guineas correctly.

However they fare with Deerslayer, Henry Cecil and Lester Piggott should win the Princess Maiden Stakes with Helcia and they may also win the July Stakes as well with Irish Legend. Helcia, *a filly by Habitat, ran well enough* against the more experienced Gay Shadow and Blue Raffles on this course at the end of June to suggest that a prize of this nature certainly ought to be within her compass.

Marmora Bay, who was the runner-up behind Woodsome at York in May, is her most obvious danger. Our Newmarket correspondent has also led me to believe that Relay Race's young half sister, Connaught Square, and Ferrybridge *will also run well.* He is also adamant that Irish Legend could surprise Royal Boy, Super Cavalier and Buck's Club in the July Stakes even though he will have to carry 3lb or 4lb overweight in return for the services of Piggott. Many will think that more than worthwhile.

Royal Boy and Super Cavalier both ran well up to a point at Royal Ascot where Royal Boy finished second in the Norfolk Stakes and Super Cavalier was likewise placed in the Coventry Stakes. But both are obviously vulnerable and Irish Legend will *not have to be anything out of* the ordinary to beat them. Starting as he did at 7-4 on he was clearly expected to win his last race at Doncaster and that he duly did.

Libra's Rib struck a blow for this season's three-year-olds when he put his older rivals in their place at Newmarket yesterday and won the Princess of Wales's Stakes. In the end, this Ribot colt, who has been criticized often in the past *for his lack of effort,* won well, making the fullest possible use of his allowance. It was a performance that redeemed Libra's Rib who, his trainer has always said, is a good horse when he wants to be.

I must confess that I thought that he might be a trifle leg weary after his abortive venture at Longchamp, where he finished unplaced in the Grand Prix de Paris at the end of last month. It says something for his constitution *that he came through that gruel*ling test so well. Fulke Johnson Houghton, who also trained his two brothers, Ribocco and Ribero, has always had faith in Libra's Rib and constantly maintained that he would win a nice prize one *day. Yesterday, simply saw his* judgment vindicated.

The race was run at a scorching *pace from the word go and that* helped undoubtedly to establish a new record for the course, 2min 30.83sec. Perhaps it was the furious early gallop that eventually sapped the stamina of those primely responsible for setting it, *Arthurian, Corby and Rouser.* They certainly had nothing more to give when Carson played his hand on Libra's Rib. Arthurian was eventually passed by both Jimsun and Relay Race as well.

Libra's Rib is still owned by his breeder, Mrs Julian G. Rogers, who kept him when he failed to reach his reserve when he was submitted for sale in the United States as a yearling. Before committing himself to a hard-and-fast *plan, one that might possibly* entail a crack at Grundy, Bustino, Star Appeal and Dahlia in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot later this month, Johnson Houghton said that he wanted to see first how Libra's Rib pulls out of yesterday's race before making up his mind.

STATE OF GOING (official): Doncaster: Good to firm. Newmarket: Good.

Newmarket programme

[Television (IBA): 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races]

2.0 PRINCESS STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £798: 6f)

101 Brava Mary (B. Bowyer), B. Hills, 8-11 .... W. Carson 17
102 Cheddar Pink (H. Bonnycastle), B. Hills, 8-11 R. Street 2
103 0 Christador (W. G. Payne), K. Ivory, 8-11 W. Somerville 7 1
104 Coal Bag Kate (Ld Halifax), J. Oxley, 8-11 .... J. Egan 21
105 Connaught Square (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), N. Murless, 8-11 ..... G. Lewis 16
107 Devil's Dike (D. Cecil), H. Cecil, 8-11 ..... T. Storey 13
108 04 Ebony Rock (Mrs J. Bricken), B. Hobbs, 8-11 G. Baxter 19
111 Ferrybridge (Mrs N. Murless), N. Murless, 8-11 R. Wernham 5 12
113 2 Helcia (Ld H. de Walden), H. Cecil, 8-11 .... L. Piggott 11
114 0000 Ickworth Lady (T. Orlando), A. Goodwill, 8-11 M. L. Thomas 22
116 Ivory Girl (J. Astor), Astor, 8-11 ..... G. Starkey 18
116 Kesar Queen (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 8-11 ..... F. Durr 15
117 La Bamboia (Mrs S. Eldin), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 A. Kimberley 9
120 0 La Rocque (T. Frost), G. Peter-Hobbs, 8-11 A. Murray 23
121 0 Lotte (Mrs J. Hobby), R. Houghton, 8-11 ..... F. Morby 3
122 Maple Syrup (Mrs S. Castello), J. Bethell, 8-11 P. Eddery 10
123 42 Marmora Bay (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 8-11 .. P. Waldron 8
124 Pettin Swan (Mrs R. Nelson), N. Callaghan, 8-11 W. Hood 6
125 Queens Tarret (I. Thomas), J. Winter, 8-11 .. S. Taylor 14
126 Sea Venture (S. Weinstock), W. Hern, 8-11 .. J. Mercer 7
128 Silver Yarrow (Lady Durham), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 D. Maitland 4
132 Welsh Petal (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-11 .. B. Raymond 5
133 Woodwind (Sir R. McAlpine), Doug Smith, 8-11 E. Eldin 20

11-8 Helcia, 4-1 Marmora Bay, 5-1 Sea Venture, 7-1 Connaught Square, 10-1 Ebony Rock, 12-1 Welsh Petal, Cheddar Pink, 14-1 others.

2.35 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,224: 1m)

201 32100-4 Legal Eagle (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 9-7 R. Marshall 1
202 43-2040 Lord Henham (R. McAlpine), N. Callaghan, 9-1 ..... — 5
203 01320- Hipparion (C) (Ld W. de Broke), G. P.-Gordon, 8-13 B. Taylor 3
204 302100 Noble Bay (D) (Mrs H. Joel), O. Harwood, 8-9 K. Smith 7 4
205 100 Master Petard (D) (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-8 B. Raymond 6
208 4-14402 Just Revenge (D) (H. Attenborough), T. Corbett, 7-11 R. Fox 5 7
209 0-232 Lennox Gardens (Mrs J. Bryce), R. Armstrong, 7-9 W. Carson 8
210 42014-0 Marchuna (N. Tebbutt), R. Jarvis, 7-5 ..... M. Thomas 1

5-2 Just Revenge, 100-30 Lennox Gardens, 11-2 Lord Henham, 7-1 Legal Eagle, Marchuna, Master Petard, 12-1 Hipparion, 16-1 Noble Bay.

3.05 JULY STAKES (2-y-o: £6,784: 6f)

301 112 Royal Boy (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-6 .. B. Raymond 6
303 012 Super Cavalier (J. Maxwell), G. Huntar, 8-6 .... P. Cook 1
304 4 Buck's Club (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 8-1 .... P. Eddery 5
305 01 Irish Legend (D) (P. Winstone), H. Cecil, 8-1 L. Piggott 3
307 Redshott (Mrs M. Hill), N. Callaghan, 8-1 .... W. Hood 4
310 Zoroaster (P. Bull), B. Hills, 8-1 ..... W. Carson 2

7-4 Royal Boy, 5-2 Super Cavalier, 7-2 Buck's Club, 6-1 Irish Legend, 12-1 Zoroaster, 16-1 Redshott.

3.40 BUNBURY HANDICAP (£3,374: 7f)

401 30-0012 Deerslayer (D) (Mrs J. Ranes), H. Cecil, 4-9-13 L. Piggott 10
403 2-10043 Hillandale (D) (Mrs L. d'Ambrumenil), D. Keith, 5-9-3 P. Waldron 14
404 04-4000 Alphadamus (Mrs J. Mountfield), M. Stoute, 5-9-0 E. Eldin 9
405 121-014 All Friends (R. Mendoza), N. Vigors, 5-8-13 P. Cook 12
406 1-10010 Fastacre (CD) (V. Advani), A. Breasley, 3-8-12 F. Durr 2
407 4-00242 Rozel Buoy (C) (B. Robinson), S. Ingham, 5-8-11 G. Ramshaw 5
408 311-030 Swanee River (D) (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 4-8-9 R. Raymond 4
409 03-2211 Yonge St Clare (Dr T. Molony), W. Wharton, 3-8-8 R. Fox 5 13
410 34-0002 Mrs Tiggywinkle (T. Blackwell), R. Hobbs, 4-8-0 G. Lewis 6
411 11-0001 Somersway (D) (T. Parrington), W. Wightman, 5-8-0 G. Dullen 11
414 01-31 Penny Post (P. Butler), J. W. Watts, 3-8-0 .... D. Eddery 1
415 040000 Touch of Gold (Mrs N. Lonsdale), W. Marshall, 3-8-0 R. Marshall 7
416 00-2440 Summer Knave (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 5-8-1 T. McKeown 3
418 120040 Kings Bonus (D) (J. Grady), R. Hollinshead, 4-7-8 K. Lewis 5 8

100-30 Penny Post, 5-1 Mrs Tiggywinkle, 6-1 Deerslayer, 8-1 Rozel Buoy, 10-1 Fastacre, Swanee River, 12-1 All Friends, Hillandale, Yonge St Clare, 14-1 Somersway, 16-1 others.

4.10 DUCHESS OF MONTROSE HANDICAP (3-y-o: fillies: £1,648: 7f)

601 1-332 Joking Apart (The Queen), I. Balding, 9-7 ..... J. Mercer 5
604 0-00002 Walk By (Mrs F. Fleetwood-Hesketh), W. Wightman, 8-8 M. Thomas 1
605 3112-00 Honey Pot (Mrs D. McCalmont), P. Walwyn, 8-8 P. Eddery 6
606 133-133 Giselle (D) (Col R. Poole), P. Walwyn, 8-0 ..... F. Morby 2
607 01114-0 Indian Question (CD) (S. Joel), H. Cecil, 8-5 .. L. Piggott 7
613 32-0101 Miss Filbert (H. Boulton), D. Keith, 7-7 .. D. Maitland 4
614 01211-2 Wong Way Girl (G. Curzon), R. Akehurst, 7-1 .. D. Dullion 3

Evens Joking Apart, 4-1 Indian Question, 6-1 Walk By, 7-1 Honey Pot, 14-1 Miss Filbert, Giselle, 25-1 Wong Way Girl.

4.40 CLARE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,236: 1¼m)

603 01-1334 Albrighton (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), H. Cecil, 8-8 L. Piggott 5
605 0-311 Donna Nook (Ld Derby), B. van Cutsem, 8-5 .. W. Carson 4
607 40-00 Tidal Wave (G. Lloyd), C. Brittain, 8-0 N. Tinkler 7 2
608 24004 Spring Barley (K. Dodson), S. Ingham, 7-13 .. M. Thomas 3
611 00-1100 Charles Martel (Sir P. Oppenheimer), B. Wragg, 7-8 D. Cullen 1

6-4 Donna Nook, 2-1 Albrighton, 9-2 Charles Martel, 6-1 Spring Barley, 12-1 Tidal Wave.

5.10 KENNETT PLATE (3-y-o: £690: 1¼m)

2 Cohen (Mrs G. Davison), A. Davison, 9-0 ..... — 6
3 00-030 Fiery Ring (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 9-0 .... J. Mercer 1
4 00 Night Messenger (Brig H. Leveson-Gower), G. P.-Gordon, 9-0 A. Murray 2
5 0-0002 Pale Saint (A. Mann), A. Pitt, 9-0 ..... E. Eldin 10
7 23-004 Thorpes Green (R. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-0 .. F. Durr 4
8 404-3 Amy (H. Joel), H. Candy, 8-11 ..... P. Waldron 3
10 0-04 Chasseur (J. Waller), R. Jarvis, 8-11 ..... M. Thomas 8
15 02 Nice Romance (K. Dodson), S. Ingham, 8-11 .. G. Lewis 7
16 00-0 Perfect Love (Mrs D. McNab), J. Winter, 8-11 B. Taylor 5
[illegible] Vitrenak (J. Hindley), [illegible] 8-11 [illegible] 11-2 Fiery Ring, 7-2 Nice Romance, 5-1 Amy, Pale Saint, 6-1 Chasseur, 10-1 Thornton Green, 12-1 Vit-Peak, 14-1 others.

Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 HELCIA is specially recommended. 2.35 Just Revenge. 3.5 Irish Legend. 3.40 Mrs Tiggywinkle. 4.10 Joking Apart. 4.40 Donna Nook. 5.10 Nice Romance.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Helcia. 2.35 Just Revenge. 3.5 Irish Legend. 3.40 Mrs Tiggywinkle. 5.10 Chasseur.

Doncaster programme

6.15 RED HOUSE STAKES (£700: 2-y-o: 5f 140yd)

2 011 Carburton (Mrs E. Knowles), V. Mitchell, 9-1 ..... — 6
4 01 Pigsticker (R. McCreery), P. Walwyn, 9-1 .... P. Eddery 1
7 13210 Butterfly Bay (E. Peakin), K. Payne, 8-11 .... T. Lappin 2
10 2310 Corriefeol (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), H. Cecil, 8-8 A. Murray 4
13 10 Tanella (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-8 ..... B. Raymond 3

11-8 Pigsticker, 9-4 Corriefeol, 5-1 Tanella, 16-3 Carburton, 10-1 Butterfly Boy.

6.45 LEEDS HANDICAP STAKES (£851: 2¼m)

1 21210-4 Man Alive (R. Patchett), W. Hall, 4-9-8 .... W. Carson 6
2 11220-0 Hunslaire (A. Leopold), G. Bell, 5-9-5 .. B. Connorton 4
3 2-30-00 Miss Osprey (Mrs L. Maier), H. Gern, 3-9-5 .. A. Bond 3 2
4 000-124 New Henry (T. Corrie), J. W. Watts, 4-9-0 .... B. Taylor 8
8 0-00013 Piccadilly Etta (Mrs P. Wolf), B. Lunness, 4-8-10 B. Haymond 4
9 11 Something To Hide (Mrs P. Shaw), Mrs R. Lomax, 6-8-8 H. Middleton 5 5
10 0 Start Anew (R. Murphy), Murphy, 4-8-7 .. L. Charnock 5 2
11 4-012 Jemimaville (J. Wills), B. Hobbs, 3-7-11 .. C. Rodriguez 5 3

5-2 Jemimaville, 7-2 Something To Hide, 4-1 Miss Osprey, 6-1 Man Alive, Piccadilly Etta, 10-1 New Henry, 14-1 others.

7.15 ROTHERHAM HANDICAP (£690: 7f)

3 130074 Sindab (D) (P. Speight), J. W. Watts, 4-9-2 .. P. Eddery 6
4 000-020 Rock Signal (D) (Lt-Col R. Taylor), R. Peacock, 5-9-0 E. Johnson 4
6 440442 Cashing Lady (D) (Mrs R. Sutton), G. Balding, 4-8-11 J. Curant 5
7 001100- Oswaldkirk (Mrs N. Murless), N. Murless, 4-8-10 G. Lewis 1
8 0010-00 Trotty (D) (H. Moody), A. Dalton, 4-8-10 — 3
9 00-0120 Whirlow Green (CD) (J. Colver), J. Winter, 4-8-10 B. Taylor 2
17 002100- Strovill (D) (Capt M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 3-7-12 W. Carson 7

9-4 Cashing Lady, 3-1 Sindab, 11-2 Whirlow Green, Oswaldkirk, 7-1 Strovill, 8-1 Rock Signal, 16-1 Trotty.

7.45 SARAH COVENTRY STAKES (£609: 1¼m 50yd)

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7 01213-0 Last Week-End (C. Longbottom), F. Wiles, 6-9-7 Miss K. Barlow 3 14
11 032-3 Peter's Choice (Mrs I. Wade), C. Brittain, 5-9-7 Miss J. Felden 3 7
12 00000-0 Right Tactics (C. Miller), Miller, 3-9-7 Miss J. Boddington 3 5
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15 2-00 Spitting (Mrs N. Gittins), D. Nicholson, 3-9-7 Miss D. Blasdil 3 9
16 0-2 Takasaki (Mrs P. Sherwood), P. Cundell, 7-9-7 Miss J. Thorne 3 13
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22 000-0 Karatina (Mrs G. Davison), A. Davison, 4-9-4 Miss S. Lapthorn 3 6
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26 4041-00 Summer Serenade (C. Tufin), Rex Carter, 3-9-4 Miss P. Cook 3 10
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28 302-430 Viewpoint (R. Peacock), Peacock, 4-9-4 .. Mrs E. Mellor 16

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13 00 Double Palm (Mrs P. Lothian), J. Bradley 7-13 S. Webster 5 6
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21 023 Romany Charter (H. Peacock), Peacock, 7-13 .. G. Sexton 14
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[illegible] 223 Sierra Verde (K. Sykes), Mrs Lomax, 7-13 .. A. Launchbury 9
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29 0 Welsh Salon (S. Childs), M. H. Easterby, 7-13 M. Birch 8
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[illegible] Corita (R. Murray), E. Carr, 7-10 ..... J. B. Moore 7 6
30 3444 Charm Fair (M. Simpson), A. Dean, 7-10 ..... A. Bond 3 14
31 000 Half Moon Bay (R. S. Asquith), L. Shedden, 7-10 K. Lewis 5 18
36 00 Rei Rio (W. Stephenson), Stephenson, 7-10 .. W. Carson 8
37 02 Solo Reign (D. Taylor), J. W. Watts, 7-10 ..... J. Lowe 1
38 00 Statyridge (H. Ashworth), Hbt Jones, 7-10 .. E. Johnson 11
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3 000 Bold Warrior (Mrs M. Clark), J. Berry, 4-9-0 B. Connorton 18
5 00400-0 Cheyenne (K. Campbell), R. Jarvis, 4-9-0 M. L. Thomas 11
6 22000-0 Old Carl (O. Aspinall), W. Wharton, 4-9-0 F. Murdy 17
8 Buck's Fizz (D. Nicholson), Nicholson, 4-8-11 J. Woodward 7 10
9 023-000 Content Hill (F. Sisson), B. Lunness, 3-8-3 A. Kimberley 13
16 400-002 Mount Blessed (A. Snipe), M. H. Easterby, 3-8-2 M. Birch 3
[illegible] 00 Our Prince (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 3-8-2 .. B. Raymond 9
[illegible] 702 Phlegon (Lady Halifax), J. Oxley, 3-8-2 ..... D. Cullen 27
[illegible] 02-0 Rubydar (L. Salmon), P. Walwyn, 3-8-2 ..... P. Eddery 17
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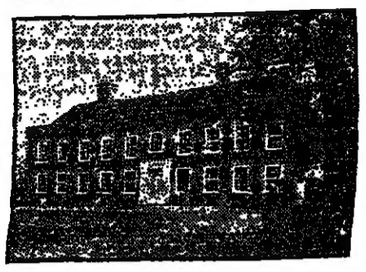

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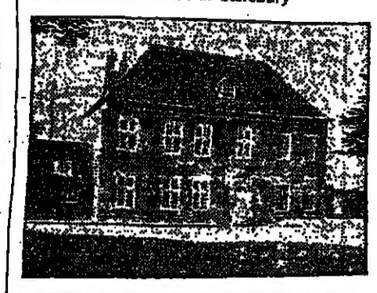

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No. 002068 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court in the matter of NEW MANAGEMENTS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 17th day of June, 1975 presented to the said Court by Terence Michael Butler of Two Pines, Clows Top, Kidderminster in the County of Worcester, John Michael Osbourne of Bullrush Cottage, Bult Lane, Renton in the County of Stafford, Anthony Frank Bonnell of Kilworth House, North Kilworth, near Lutterworth in the County of Leicester, and William Thomas Ward of Somerville House, Ridgeway Cross in the County of Worcester.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2, on the 21st day of July 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Signed: S. R. FREED & COMPANY, of 2 Harewood Place, Hanover Square, LONDON W1R 0ET, Solicitors for the Petitioners.

Note.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 18th day of July, 1975.

No. 001782 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division in the Matter of CHANNEL TUNNEL INVESTMENTS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 30th day of June 1975 confirming (A) the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £999,999.40 to £73,593.35 and (B) the REDUCTION of the SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT of the said Company from £370,388.10 to £3,726.35 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the Capital of the Company, as altered, the particulars required by the above Act, were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 7th day of July 1975.

Dated this 8th day of July 1975.

SLAUGHTER AND MAY, 55 Basinghall Street, London, EC2V 5DB, Solicitors for the said Company

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of A. E. NUNN (BUILDERS) Limited (in Voluntary Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. CORK, GULLY & CO., Chartered Accountants, of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Wednesday the 23rd day of July, 1975, at 11.45 a.m., to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.

Dated this 30th day of June, 1975.

M. A. JORDAN, Liquidator.

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of T. R. CLARK & ASSOCIATES Limited (in Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. CORK, GULLY & CO., Chartered Accountants, of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Tuesday the 5th day of August, 1975, at 11.45 a.m., to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.

Dated this 3rd day of July, 1975.

M. A. JORDAN, Liquidator.

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of AVONSTONE (CIVIL ENGINEERS) Limited (in Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above named Company will be held at the offices of W. H. CORK, GULLY & CO., Chartered Accountants, of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Tuesday the 5th day of August, 1975, at 11 a.m., to be followed at 11.15 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.

Dated this 3rd day of July, 1975.

M. A. JORDAN, Liquidator.

OLYMPIC TRAVEL Ltd. The Companies Act, 1948.

I, MARTIN JOHN SPENCER, Chartered Accountant of Messrs. Stoy, Hayward & Co., 93, Wigmore Street, London, W1H 9AA, give notice that I was APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR in the above matter on the 10th June, 1975. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

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The appointment is financed by a grant from the Ministry of Defence and is available for three years from October 1, 1975.

The initial salary, on October, 1974, scales to be increased from October, 1975, will be between £1,809 and £2,412 p.a. plus £250, with placing dependent on qualifications and experience.

Applications, containing the names of two referees and quoting Reference Lab.69/75C should be sent by July 25, 1975, to The Secretary, The University, Dundee, DD1 4HN.

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Applications, naming two referees should be made as soon as possible to the Staff Appointment Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD.

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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

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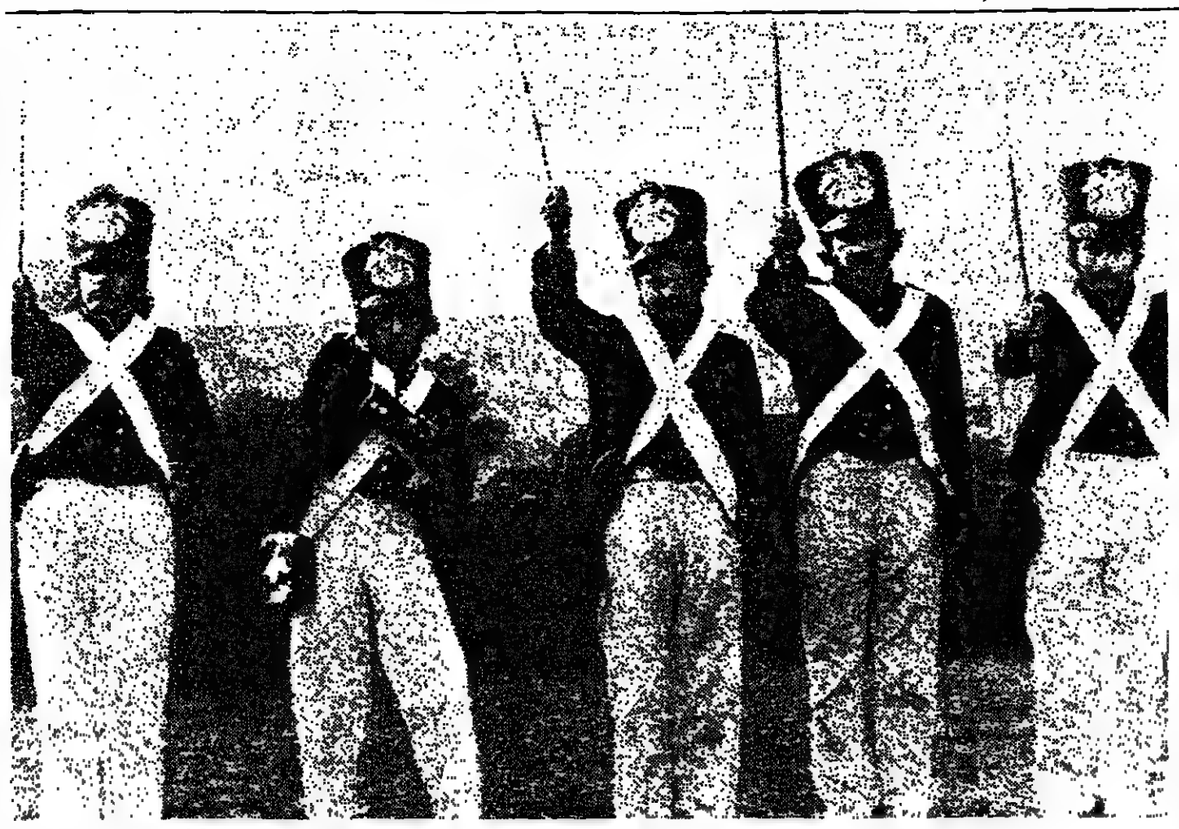

Woody Allen and fellow-Russians

Love and death in Berlin

David Robinson

The Berlin International Film *Festival this year celebrates its* twenty-fifth anniversary. When it was founded in 1951 there was a good deal more at stake than a simple exhibition of film art. Five years after the end of the war the island city was struggling for survival, and events like the Film Festival and the Industrial Fairs of those times were designed as part of a vital, not to say desperate, campaign of propaganda and promotion.

A quarter of a century on, with its political significance altered, and films from Red China and Korea as well as the European socialist bloc, the festival is still directed by Dr Alfred Bauer, a former film *historian, who has successfully* and serenely guided it through one crisis after another. His worst problem remains the placing of the festival so soon after Cannes, which inevitably tends to cream off the best of the year. The twenty-fifth *festival was no exception, and* the jury (with Sylvia Sims, who was for long one of the festival's favourite stars, as president) must have had a hard time trying to find its

Up to the last few days (I did not stay long enough for the promising East German entry, *Jacob the Liar*, directed by Frank Beyer from the novel by Jurek Becker) Woody Allen's latest bit of nonsense, *Love and Death*, seemed as likely a contender as anything. Allen plays a *Russian soldier* of 1812, whose guardian angel's hearty assurances that Napoleon will pardon him before he faces the firing *squad turn out to be less than accurate. Handsomely staged* (it was largely shot in Buda, suitably made up for the part) it demonstrates how the opportunities period comedy affords for gags of anachronism tend to be offset by the dead-weight of accessories. Still, Allen's comic invention is as inexhaustible as ever, and the collision of Russian literature and *gefiltefisch* humour is productive. The American entries at least went all out for popularity: Kirk Douglas's first film as director, *Posse* is a Western in the old manner and on the grand scale.

Britain at least had the credit for showing a film quite unlike any other. *Operation Overlord, produced by James Quinn*, written by Christopher Hudson and directed by Stuart Cooper (who had a prize in Berlin last year for *Little Malcolm*) reconstructs the preparation and events of D-Day, through the individual experience of one private soldier, who loses his life in the landings. The marriage of actuality with fiction and reconstruction is brilliantly carried off; the joins are often undetectable. Stuart Cooper's weakness is to confuse authenticity with style, and the subjective and fantasy elements are often undigested. It has a notable performance by Brian Stirner, and on all counts provided a more appropriate festival entry than its team-mate, Alan Bridge's dotty *Out of Season*, which opens in London this week.

It is not entirely clear whether the Danish film, *Leave Us Alone*, directed by Lasse Nielsen and Ernst Johansen, is an allegory about society and war, a pedagogical tract, or simply a celebration of *pederasty. It is a kind of realist Lord of the Flies*, about a party of children who decide to go unaccompanied on their summer holiday trip when their teachers walk out on them. After they arrive at a deserted island, their boat drifts away, *leaving them stranded*, to learn about survival, sex, violence, death and war. It has both a wonderful sense and an accuracy in the relationship of the children that makes it at worst very watchable.

The relationships of children *received a different treatment*, inevitably, in the Soviet film *A Hundred Days after Childhood*, directed by Sergei Soloviev, a lyrical and overdressed morality about a solitary boy who discovers through adolescent love and the friendships of a pioneer camp that society demands from him a more positive role than that of romantic hero in the Lermontov mould (a rehersal of an amateur production of *Maskerade* provides a continuing commentary on the main action).

The Polish entry seemed to have closer links with the realistic tradition of Polish cinema: Zanussi's *The Balance* is a portrait of a woman whose compulsion to undertake other *people's problems* is ultimately recognized as a means of evading her own anxieties over middle age, a *faded marriage* and the doubtful rewards of a last-fling affair. Even at moments when it loses direction (like the heroine's desperate drunk scene in a sad seaside bar) it is held together by a touching, ridiculous and memorable *performance* by Maja Komorowska.

Women's problems again in *No 8, Sendzkun*, directed by Kei Kumai, and voted Japan's best film of 1974. Relating the life and sufferings of an old lady from the time she was first sold as a prostitute in 1907, by her poor family on the Amakusa Islands (the flashback story is told by the 80-year old woman to a young girl sociologist in 1971), provides at once a *soundly sentimental weepie and* a reflection of Japan's history and changing social attitudes over six decades.

The Latin cinemas never *seem to do too well at Berlin*. Italy sent a sloppy sentimental-sexual romance set in the era of the first discovery of Freud, Gian Luigi Calderone's *La prima volta sull'erba*, and a contribution to the new cinema of disgust, Paolo Nuzzi's *Il piatto piange a disenchanted* study of small-town life and manners (ill-manners mostly) around the time of Abyssinia. Franco showed a misguided crime melodrama, Yves Boisset's *Monsieur Dupont*, and a not-much-better-guided sub-Woody Allen *comedy, Lily Aime-moi*, directed by Maurice Dugowson.

Germany's own entry John *Glucksradt* was a sober, muted, moodish adaptation of Theodor *Storm's 1886 novella, Die Doppelganger*, directed by Ulf Miehe.

Finally, among the shorts, Britain scored a sure success with Bob Godfrey's *Isambard Kingdom Brunel*, an impressionist portrait, innocent of style, taste or propriety but jumping with vitality and uninhibited delight in the medium of animated film.

Christopher Bruce's striking new work

George Crumb's *Ancient Voices of Children* is probably one of the most interesting pieces of music written in this decade, *and certainly one of* the most popular. Christopher Bruce, whose ballet version of it opened the Rambert season at *the Wells on Monday*, is not the first choreographer to use it for dancing but his interpretation is a cut above any other I have seen.

He starts with the advantage of having the music played live, with Hannah Francis and Andrew Harding as the singers (soprano and boy soprano) and soloists from the Mercury Ensemble directed by Adam Gatehouse. The plangent drama of *the score takes on more urgency* and variety than in taped recordings, and the musical performance is entirely convincing.

The text is a setting of poems or fragments by Lorca: occasionally enigmatic in themselves and even more so in their juxta*position except that all in some* way reflect on children. Bruce, I would guess, has taken part of *his inspiration from the words* but more from the shimmeringly fragmented collage of sound, and perhaps a little also from memories of Goya.

Each of the seven dancers is provided with a large piece of material which becomes at different times a bedcover, a skirt, a shawl or cloak, a shroud or veil. At one point the women bundle the cloth together and *rock it in their arms* like a child; at moments the cloths are flourished almost like weapons.

The ballet begins with the whole cast appearing to wake and ends with them composing *themselves again to sleep. Con*trasted fragments of action intervene. The movements of hopscotch are seen, first plain, later distorted. Lenny Westerdijk leads Sylvia Yamada by the hand: their disparity of height produces an illusion of mother and child.

*Westerdijk

How the Basques have remained a political force for Spain to fear

Separatist movements have been common in Spanish history, usually in protest against inept government. At various times Catalonia, Valencia, Murcia, Galicia, and several Andalucian villages, as well as the Basque provinces, have attempted to secede.

But Basque nationalism has been the most virulent and persistent of these movements. National sentiment is now stronger than ever after 75 years of troubled existence, even though the movement is split among around 20 different groups ranging from moderate conservative to ultra-leftist, and from republican through federalist to outright separatist.

When it first emerged in the 1890s in Bilbao, Basque nationalism was arch-conservative. It stressed the total subordination of the state to the Church, condemned socialism in any form, sanctified private property, promulgated a racist view of non-Basques and demanded the creation of the independent Basque nation of Euzkadi—a nation to be based on unity of race and Roman Catholic religion. It was backed up by enormous wealth generated by the iron mines and thriving industry of the Basque region. Its most ardent supporters were the prosperous Basque urban middle-classes. The crowning success of the nationalists' efforts came in October, 1936, with the inauguration of the autonomous state of Euzkadi, but this was overthrown nine months later by Franco's army.

Basque nationalism was then paralysed into dormancy by severe cultural and political repression. The Franco regime prohibited the use of the Basque language, erased all Basque names from public buildings and streets, made the teaching of the Basque culture and language illegal and imprisoned and/or executed many nationalist leaders.

When the movement re-emerged in 1959, large segments of it had turned to the political left and become militant and anti-clerical. Because of internal disputes it fell into disarray. But it gained strength, especially after the Burgos trials of 1970.

The two most important groups in the nationalist movement are the moderate Basque Nationalist Party, the parent party of Basque nationalism, and the more recent group, ETA, which is Marxist and advocates armed struggle as the only means of gaining Basque independence. Despite ETA's fame outside the Basque region, the BNP is probably the more politically influential of the two. It is the dominant party in the Paris-based Basque government in exile, has widespread middle-class support, and is Christian Democratic in its politics.

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The BNP is against both the militancy and the Marxism of ETA. It argues that, by provoking the police, ETA violence has harmed the Basques more than it has Madrid, and that ETA Marxism is alien to the grain of traditional Basque culture and can lead only to a new type of dictatorship. ETA in turn accuses the BNP of being bourgeois romantics out of touch with the main political currents of the day.

The ETA, the vast majority of whose members are between 17 and 25 years old, is split into two bitterly opposed, internally uncoordinated factions—ETA 6, which is more socialist than nationalist, and ETA 5, the more important, which is more nationalist than socialist.

About 50-70 per cent of the working class in the Basque region is from the more impoverished areas of Spain, attracted by the Basque industrial expansion which demanded vast pools of unskilled labour. The potential economic and cultural competition presented to the Basques by this large influx of Spanish immigrants has been largely responsible for the groundswell of popular nationalist sentiment.

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Certainly Basque nationalism is the most potent force on the Basque political scene. The Communist Party of Euzkadi, a regional branch of the Spanish Communist Party, has therefore been forced to come to terms with it. The relationship between the nationalists, including Marxist ETA, and the C.P. is one of reciprocal animosity. The nationalists brand the C.P. as being *españolistas* uninterested in the Basque "national" problem and opposed to Basque independence. The C.P. charges the nationalists with being bourgeois anti-socialists.

In order to create a stronger base within the Basque working class, the Communist Party of Euzkadi has recently declared itself semi-independent from the Spanish party. It now argues in favour of an autonomous Basque region. The nationalists see this move as one of tactical opportunism containing no ideological change.

Whether a Basque region separated from the rest of Spain would be economically viable is heatedly debated. Many believe it would not be because of Basque industry's dependence on both Spanish labour and markets.

Regardless of the divisions within the nationalist movement, the Basques are united in their dislike of the Franco regime. The aversion seems mutual. The heavy-handed policies of the Spanish police are now intensifying Basque hostility against Madrid and ensuring that Basque nationalism will remain a political force with which any future Spanish government will have to contend.

Marianne Heiberg

Andrew Faulds

Time for the conning to stop

Mr Reg Prentice: Automatic excommunication by the leftists for a comrade who will not kiss the ring of Marx

Sloganizing is easier than the exercise of thought. A resolution brought to the general management committee of my constituency party last Friday contained the following rallying call: "The only answer to this crisis is the Labour Government taking bold action against capitalism and for socialism."

"Aux armes, citoyens" was a cry of its time and had its successes. But such empty bombast will achieve little except to keep intelligent folk away from Labour Party meetings. And that has become increasingly the problem of the party. The great range of support it had in the 40s, 50s and early 60s—across the trades and professions and arts—has dwindled away as the extreme left use the Labour movement as a stalking horse for their anti-democratic intentions. In constituency after constituency local parties have been taken over by the double effect of reasonable people giving up in despair as the anti-democrats infiltrate.

The hounding of moderates such as Mr Reg Prentice has been part of a carefully contrived strategy. It is not only in his patch that young activists have moved in on the local party, for other takeovers are under way in other places. Intolerance and smears are part of the witch hunt. The anti-democrats intend to destroy those who stand and speak in defence of the rule of law against the contrivances of Clay Cross and the thuggery of Shrewsbury.

No politician in his senses advocates coalition but the accusation itself will do. And because a comrade will not kiss the ring of Marx, the leftists pass automatic excommunication on him. Mr Prentice has too much courage for the conformist club the Parliamentary Party has become. It is time some of the real democrats stood up and spelt out their defiance in defence of democracy. For they are in for the same treatment. The leadership will not do it. It is too trapped in the crafty cat's cradle contraption of the checks and balances it deems necessary for peace at any price. The democratic left must stir the winds of opinion and turn the sails of resolution of the leaders who can then take the challenge of the tilting left.

A trumpet or two sounding for the defence of real democracy would sweep the voters back into support of the party.

For only a Labour Government can evoke the necessary response from the British people to do the job that must be done. Men and women on the shop floor are reasonable. They are much more astute in their appreciation of our troubles and much readier to front them and pull through than the militants, eager to see the break up of our society, who by default come to speak in their name.

Such men do not want the Labour Government to get Britain through its difficulties. Success would disprove their creed and destroy their ideological limbo. Yet some leading Labour politicians consort with them, decorate their platforms and dispatch decorous messages of support. Sadly, for each of the truly democratic figures of the trade union movement such as Mr Jones and Mr Murray and Mr Boyd and many others, there are those who make no secret of their antipathy to parliamentary government and indeed to democratic socialism.

But the vast majority of Britons are not the dupes of ideology. The future of our country worries them sick. They would willingly do without now for the better prospects of their children. Every Member can cite such spirit in his constituents. The wish to take the challenge on and get it over with is there. And electorally a campaign for the routing of the anti-democrats and their damage to our economic health would achieve a better response and truer results than recent election appeals.

Perhaps this pitiful passage in our political history will come to be known as the rin[g] when the coming had to sto[p]. With all the distress of a d[isheartened] believer, it has to [be] admitted that conning there h[as] been. We won two elections la[st] year—and only just—on th[e] electoral understanding that [we] could operate a social contra[ct] which would ensure a series [of] socially just measures in return for restraint from the union[s]. The country got the measures [but] the Government did not get th[e] restraint. Had the polsters bee[n] able to peel off the picture as [it] has actually developed, woul[d] we have won? And did w[e] deserve to win?

For the social contract, th[e] last best hope of a society i[n] inflationary extremis, wa[s] doomed because of a contr[a]diction at the core of left-win[g] philosophy. The militant[s] argue, as we all do, for th[e] benefits and indeed the nece[s]sity of a planned economy. "Plan everything", they sa[y]. "Control the lot. But the[n] hold on, exclude unfettere[d] collective bargaining." On[ly] the moderate and rational [in] the party extend the logic o[f] a planned, socially just eco[no]my to include incomes policy. The left insists on the mecha[ni]cs of the market place. An[d] in that market place those i[n] the weaker unions and those without get trampled on. It i[s] too Darwinian a process for th[e] good of the great majority. Th[e] laws of the jungle cannot appl[y] in a socialist society.

The signs happily are tha[t] slowly, very slowly, the tide i[s] turning. The setting up within the Parliamentary Labour Part[y] of the Manifesto Group, manned by Members endowed with the qualities of responsibility and political judgment, marked the first movement. And now the establishment of the Social Democratic Alliance for Labour Party workers throughout the country shows the swell. Its declaration is a clarion call: "We are long-standing members of the Labour Party, who are convinced our party is in danger of being driven from its historic course by an intolerant dogmatism which is alien to our socialist traditions and democratic system."

They deserve support. The country and our institutions will not survive their failure.

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Buzz off friend bumblebee to another window box

I bet I know more about bumblebees than you do. In fact, I bet I know more about bumblebees than anybody in the world except Dr D. V. Alford, who got his PhD for a thesis on them, and knows so much about them he even runs an outfit called the Bumblebee Distribution Maps Scheme, and has just published the definitive study of the jolly little fellows, under the title — the only title he could have chosen, really — *Bumblebees*; it is published by Davis-Poynter, and will set you back no less than twenty-five quid. (They sent me a free copy, merely because I was overheard saying I would like to know more about bumblebees. They wouldn't do as much for you, though.) On the other hand, it will tell you absolutely everything there is to be known about bumblebees, as I can swear from personal experience, for I have just read it, which is how I come to be such an expert on the subject all of a sudden.

I can assure you that there is more to the bumblebee, or *bombus*, to give him his Latin name, than meets the eye, or the ear for that matter. (I suppose the bee with his drowsy hums" must have been a bumblebee.) To start with, there is an almost unbelievable number of species of bumblebee (I say "almost" unbelievable, because Dr Alford is a very plausible fellow, and besides he lists the lot of them), and they go by names of such variegated magnificence, such evocatively poetic beauty, that I must introduce you to a selection.

There is *bombus agrorum*, for instance, who is obviously a rustic bumblebee, forever sucking straws and leaning over gates; there is *bombus americanorum*, who, no doubt, chews gum; *bombus appositus*, known for producing the *mot juste*; *bombus confusus*, a rather daft bumblebee who is always blundering into things; *bombus distinguendus*, who comes of a very old family of bumblebees, and *bombus elegans*, who only goes to the best tailors; *bombus fragrans*, who sprinkles himself night and morning with attar of roses, and between you and me is as queer as a coot, though why a coot should be considered the very essence of queerness I am unable to say; *bombus frigidus*, a very reserved bumblebee; *bombus hortorum hortorum*, who stammers; *bombus humilis*, a very Uriah Heep among bumblebees; *bombus ignitus*, much in Guy Fawkes night; *bombus impatiens*, a restless bumblebee; *bombus inexspectatus*, who is apt to pop out from behind lamp-posts and cry "Boo!"; bombus mendax, a

teller of tall bumblebee tales; *bombus polaris*, said to have nuclear mandibles; *bombus ruderatus*, who sticks his tongue out at lady bumblebees; *bombus senilis*, poor old thing; *bombus subterraneus*, who has read more Karl Marx than is good for him; and *bombus virginalis*, or so she says.

Many a lesson can be learnt by the human race from its furry friend *bombus*; for instance, Dr Alford reveals that "the mouthparts are controlled [illegible] lion", which at last explains Mr Peter Shore, and in the majority of species "any cooperation between individuals is limited to brief and temporary associations for the purpose of reproduction", which, as Lady Bracknell might have said, savours of the worst excesses of the permissive society. Sometimes, it is true, Dr Alford seems somewhat too easily impressed with the achievements of his little playmates, as when he says that "bumblebees are remarkably proficient at remembering the precise location of their nest"; dammit, I can find my way home, too, and nobody writes books calling me remarkably proficient. On the other hand, [illegible] makes very questionable claims, such as that "inhalation also occurs through the abdominal spiracles, while exhalation takes place through the propodeal spiracles", which I for one am unable to accept, and that the *hind tibia* of a bumblebee is "convex, dull and hairy all over", which is a wicked libel. (A much worse error is Dr Alford's claim that "Wagner assumed that bumblebees of the various species entered hibernation at about the same time of year, in response to the onset of autumn weather". Wagner made no such assumption—on the contrary, he used to insist that no two bumblebees entered hibernation, or even a pub, at the same time if they could help it; indeed, the first draft of *Götterdämmerung* contains a long and moving statement by Alberich of this very point.)

Badgers eat bumblebees—some do, anyway—which is the only thing I know about badgers that I don't like; skunks, less surprisingly, are also numbered among their enemies, and "in Ireland, brown trout have been reported to take bumblebees which inadvertently land on the water"—though that last statement suggests that Dr Alford can't tell when he is having his leg pulled. Bumblebees are deaf, it seems.

Some species "possess rather pugnacious workers", who are no doubt enrolled into the National Union of Public Employees, though the habit they have of "flying one after another along established routes, each bee pausing at intervals to hover momentarily at a series of predetermined visiting places" rather suggests that if so they have missed their vocation, and ought to be driving the No. 11 bus.

I have to confess—you will see how little I know of the subject on which I am now such an authority before I read Dr Alford's monograph—that I used to be of the opinion that the difference between a bumblebee and honey-bee was that bumblebees have no sting. But they do; the bumblebee's sting, however, is not equipped with the barb that the honey-bee's has. This means, of course, that a bumblebee, unlike its better organized cousin, can wound its enemy, withdraw its sting, and live to strike again—a fact which has caused me to revise my intention of inviting any passing bumblebee to visit my window-boxes; *bombus hypnorum*, for instance (he presumably has a glittering eye), "shows a particularly strong preference for areas inhabited by man", and I would have loved to see him browsing among the undergrowth if it had not been for the feeling that he might slip into the room, sting me, and slip out again. Incidentally, one of the bumblebee's insect enemies is a species of wasp called *Philanthus triangulum*. I presume that all a bumblebee attacked by one of them has to do is to knock the square off its hypotenuse.

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The other diaries that expose the workings of the Cabinet

"Great row in Cabinet today", begins the diary's account of one of the decisive meetings in the history of the Labour Party. And then follows a blow by blow account of the intrigues and events that culminated in the resignation of Mr Aneurin Bevan in April 1951 and the beginning of an ideological schizm within the movement whose effects are still being felt by the party today.

The account is remarkable for two quite different reasons. It is not only an exceptional example of eye-witness reporting from inside the Cabinet room. It is also freely available for inspection at the library of the London School of Economics.

For this is not Mr Richard Crossman's but Mr Hugh Dalton's diary. And although the events it describes fall well within the 30-year embargo on publication which applies to official documents and although it is equally in breach of collective Cabinet confidentiality, no one has tried to argue for its suppression. Mr Dalton himself used his diaries as the basis of his own three-volume autobiography; more recently, Mr Michael Foot drew on them in his biography of Mr Aneurin Bevan published in 1973.

No one ever accused Mr Dalton of being over-discreet. Characteristically, he had to resign as Chancellor of the Exchequer in Mr Attlee's post-war Government because he talked too freely to a journalist before delivering his Budget in the House of Commons; equally characteristically, he bounced back into the Cabinet soon afterwards, and was therefore an enthusiastic participant in the events of March and April, 1951.

His account of the series of Cabinet meetings and backstage conversations which culminated in Mr Bevan's resignation—over the decision of Mr Hugh Gaitskell, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, to impose charges on false teeth and spectacles—thus provides a classic picture of political in-fighting.

The diaries are revealing in another sense. The clash between Mr Gaitskell and Mr Bevan has become an archetypal Labour myth, symbolizing the on-going clash between the right and the left wings of the party. As expounded by Mr Michael Foot in his biography, for example, the myth is that Mr Gaitskell was the unyielding voice of the Treasury while Mr Bevan was idealistically defending the welfare state (with the implication, of course, that only the left can be relied upon to fight for the principles of the true faith in times of economic crisis). In fact, the Dalton diaries suggest a rather different interpretation of what actually happened.

Shortly before the critical Cabinet meeting of March 20, 1951, which first considered the proposals for charges, Mr Dalton had a long conversation with Mr Gaitskell. They gossiped about the likely line-up of Ministers: "Hugh Gaitskell said he expected much opposition from Nye, with support from Harold Wilson. I asked, why Harold Wilson? Hugh Gaitskell said he was always intriguing with Nye and was hoping to get HG's job if he had to resign." But they also talked about the background to the proposals themselves: Gaitskell said that ". . . he has been fighting off-stage for improved pensions, plus a ceiling to health services (expenditure), with some charges for teeth and glasses, but dropping prescriptions."

This remark is interesting for a number of reasons. It shows that Mr Gaitskell's proposals were a compromise: he had already dropped the idea of prescription charges—presumably, although the diaries do not make this clear, to mollify Mr Bevan (which is perhaps why in a subsequent conversation Mr Gaitskell told Mr Dalton: ". . . we could not always be blackmailed and give way. If we did not stand up to him, Nye would do to our party what Lloyd George had done to the Liberals"). Equally, it underlines the fact that Mr Gaitskell was not imposing charges simply to pay for an inflated and unrealistic military budget (the Bevanite version).

In his view, containing expenditure on health was a way of creating opportunities for increasing other forms of social spending: at a Cabinet meeting on April 9, Mr Gaitskell told his colleagues "after a long wrangle with Nye . . . and a flood of arguments and appeals" that "if he had £23 million to spare, he wouldn't use it to keep false teeth and spectacles free. He would rather spend it on improved family allowances, or on more old age pensions or on smaller income tax increases".

It was at this Cabinet, presided over by Mr Herbert Morrison, that the crucial decision was taken: "Finally the views are collected, and all stand by the Chancellor except Nye and Harold Wilson ('Nye and the dog' I call them outside) and Tomlinson, who has lost his courage and wants to postpone the decision." Soon afterwards Mr Bevan—described by Mr Attlee to Mr Dalton as a "green-eyed monster", jealous of Mr Gaitskell—resigned, followed by Mr Wilson.

All this would seem to suggest that the diaries of participants at Cabinet meetings are of interest not just because they provide piquant bits of gossip about personalities but because they do illuminate actual policy issues (and also show, of course, how easy it is for politicians to muddle personal dislikes with principles).

To understand what happened in the past, in the light of the experience of those involved, may help us to interpret more accurately what is happening now. This is all the more important since the myths about what happened in 1945-1951—and even more about what happened in 1964-1970—still influence the behaviour of politicians today.

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The Times Diary

Getting there was no fun at all

Michael Leapman has joined Europe with the Labour Party and reports:

As my plane landed at Strasbourg on Monday I saw from the window some parachutists falling into a near by field. Had Lord George-Brown been — as he had wanted to be—a member of the newly-arrived British Labour delegation to the European Parliament, I should have suspected that he had decided to make his descent into Europe in style. Sadly, it turned out simply to be some military manoeuvres.

The actual arrival of the Labour delegation lacked such a sense of fiesta, though many of them would, I think, have preferred to come by parachute, or indeed by any means other than the small government charter plane which has brought the Conservative and Liberal delegations here for the last two years. They sweltered on the tarmac at Heathrow for nearly an hour before they could take off, and they found the plane cramped, stuffy and slow.

"It was appalling", said Willie Hamilton, the anti Royalist MP. "It's the first thing we should apply to have altered." This priority was shared by Michael Stewart, the leader of the Labour group, who began his press conference on Monday night with a plea for a "swifter and more commodious aircraft" for the trip.

"It was like a package holiday flight", complained Lord Ardwick, clearly feeling that a peer—even only a life peer—was entitled to something better.

Some put part of the blame on the BBC. A member of the delegation secretariat told me that the weight of the cameras and equipment they had taken on the plane made it touch and go as to whether it would be able to take off at all. "I thought we were going to plunge into the houses", he said. "The government just could not afford the insurance if we had crashed. They're all very heavily insured."

The BBC was also partly responsible for slight ill feeling between the Conservative and Labour groups which some passengers on the plane detected. Peter Kirk, the leader of the Conservatives, had been reluctant to allow filming of the flight, but Stewart overruled him. Some Labour people felt the Conservatives were exploiting their two years experience of the flight and being condescending, though Kirk was said to be irritated that the regular stewardess had forgotten his liking for dry martini.

Gastronomy

Some of the Labour delegates remember Strasbourg from the old days. Sir Geoffrey de Freitas was at the Council of Europe here in 1951 and Lord Ardwick, when he was plain John Bevan, the journalist, supported the council's formation two years earlier.

"La Maison Rouge was the place in those days", Ardwick reminisced. (There is still a hotel called that but it is below the highest rank now.) "And I remember it was the year Edith Piaf was singing *La Vie en rose*. Whenever I hear that song it reminds me of Strasbourg."

To taste the delights of the present day city, the delegates get an allowance of 60 units of account (3,000 Belgian francs) a day. If they draw this in the local French currency it amounts to some £35 a day, though if they were to wait until they returned to London they would get only £25.

Nothing is simple about community finance, as a Eurocrat explained to me on the plane over. "Community accounting is done in European units of account which of course are pre-Smithsonian dollars", he said. Of course. "These are pegged at 2.4 to the £ and 50 to the Belgian franc, regardless of fluctuation in currency values. Now that the £ is worth less, the delegates are much better off drawing their allowance in local currency."

Out of this they pay their hotel and subsistence, and it is just about adequate. Prices here are less exorbitant than some feared, despite the poor exchange rate. I had a decent dinner for £2, and another £2 for a bottle of the lovely local white wine—a better spread than I could get in London for the price.

The Labour group are staying at the newly-opened Holiday Inn, which is like Holiday Inns everywhere. Hardly any of them ate there on the first night except their leader Michael Stewart, who, deserted by his troops, dined frugally, alone with a book, on a cheeseburger and a half bottle of Perrier water.

The rest were more adventurous. "I can eat at a Holiday Inn in Birmingham", said Betty Boothroyd, representing West Bromwich West. In small groups, they reported back at the hotel bar around midnight, with excited tales of gastronomic triumphs at little bourgeois bistros which served the finest onion tart this side of anywhere.

Chaos

Miss Boothroyd is the group's whip, which means she is responsible for rushing them all back to Westminster if their votes are needed in a division. This is none too easy, since Strasbourg is ill served by direct transport to London. "I keep the times of all the planes in my handbag", she told me.

She also acts as an unofficial housemother, and on Monday night was leading the hunt for Lord Gordon-Walker's spectacles (Sir Geoffrey de Freitas found them in a restaurant). Gordon-Walker suffers some disability following a stroke and it is pleasing to see how the others look after him.

But what of the actual work of the parliament? Initially the new members were unimpressed. "It's chaos", said Willie Hamilton. "I'm totally bewildered." He and the others quickly realized that the conduct of business in many different languages ruled out the thrust and parry debating techniques of the House of Commons, and that it was more like working in committee. They also found themselves inadequately briefed on the topics at issue.

It was a pity that the first session on Monday should have started with tedious procedural debate about when they should discuss a report on wine. The rapporteur, an Italian socialist, complained that, among other things, "the Commission has almost entirely overlooked the possibilities of boosting wine consumption" though delegates of all nationalities seem to be doing their purposeful best to help in that respect during their stay here.

The British Labour group are deeply exercised over whether they are free agents when it comes to voting, or whether they are mandated by the Parliamentary Labour Party. As members of the socialist group here they will be expected to vote in a block as often as possible, although, because of their newness, they are being given dispensation to vote as their fancy takes them in the important vote on European unity.

Tom Ellis, an ex-miner from Wrexham, became the first British Labour member to speak here yesterday afternoon, when he talked about the coal industry. He spoke about the "translation of sociological intangibles into practical realities" and everyone applauded. He said afterwards: "I'm a shy person but this was a subject I know something about so I held my breath and dived in."

Perspective

The local paper put the arrival of the Labour delegation in perspective on Monday. While it gave a full page of coverage to local road accidents, it devoted only three column inches to the meeting of the parliament and did not mention the Labour incursion at all. Yesterday, though, it partly made up for this with a photograph.

Another two thirds of the page was given to a happening of far greater interest—a week-long festival of Paté en croute (paté in pastry) at the nearby town of Marckolsheim. The total weight of the paté was 1,200lb and it was judged as excellent by the mayor and "citizens known for their good taste in culinary matters". The entries came in all shapes, some representing ducks, some roses, and some, the reporter noted thoroughly, which had suffered in transit.

The jury tasted in serious silence, weighing paté flavoured with garlic against paté flavoured with shallot or thyme, or nuts, or parsley or cognac. The results will be announced next weekend which will also see the election of a Miss Paté en Croute. Now that really is an event of significance.

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THE REAL CHOICE FOR THE MINERS

For the moment, it seems that the more extreme elements within the National Union of Mineworkers have failed to carry the day. The success of the Prime Minister and Mr Gormley in toning down the immediate demand for a £100 a week wage for face-workers should not, however, hide the fact that the miners are certain to press for a rate of wage increase in excess of anything that could be held to be compatible with what emerges as the new "norm", under whatever form of revised social contract is announced on Friday. The previous Government found that its own incomes policy and indeed its total political authority was destroyed in a *confrontation with the miners*. If the next phase of this Government's incomes policy is to have any effect, it is clearly critical that it should include a coherent strategy for *containing the "special case"*, which the miners will almost certainly present.

The miners are in a special position, whether one likes the fact or not, because they have the power to bring a modern industrial society to a standstill, combined with the organization and *political determination* to use it to the full in the process of wage negotiations. After the lessons of the recent past, any government which failed to take this *into account in its calculations* would be foolish. The essential requirement is that the level of settlement for the miners over the next several wage settlements *should not become the norm* for others, particularly in the rest of the public sector. The tragedy of the last round was that levels of settlement for the miners, on *the grounds that theirs was a* special case, became the benchmark for settlements in the rest of the public sector, where *neither the economic case nor* the reality of industrial bargaining power was the same.

The Government should, therefore, make it clear that the totality of its present incomes policy does not depend on what happens to the miners. Rather it should *make it clear to the union and to* the National Coal Board that the industry as a whole has its own future in its own hands. If the union uses its undoubted industrial power to extract economically unjustified wage increases from the coal board, *corresponding changes should immediately* be made in the medium and long-term plans for the position of the coal industry in the country's fuel economy. The miners *should be faced with the fact that* their wages determine the coal price, and if the price is pushed too high less coal will be used and less *investment in coal burning equipment* will be made.

So far as the ordinary commercial and private markets for *coal are concerned, such a policy* could be best fulfilled by passing on the wage increases at once in the form of full price increases. This would have, and be seen to have, the effect of contracting the market for coal in relation to other fuels.

The major market for coal, however, lies with electricity generation. Here, there is relatively little that can be done in the short term, because of the *cost and time required to bring* in non-coal-burning power stations, or to convert existing power stations away from coal. Because of the present industrial recession and the effects of past price rises in the cost of electricity, however, the Central Electricity Generating Board is in the position of having an historically large margin of generating capacity. This gives *it an unusual ability to shift the* balance of its power generation away from coal burning, by phasing out the older, thermally less efficient power stations more rapidly than had been intended.

The generating industry is still *predominantly dependent on coal.* Some two-thirds of the electricity produced comes from coal-fired stations. If in fact miners' pay increases make coal more expensive than oil the Government's fuel policy should reciprocate by shifting the balance of electricity *generation* away from coal burning, towards other sources of energy as fast as is physically and financially possible. The investment policy of the electricity *supply industry should* also be based on the realistic assumption that coal will be an expensive fuel. In order to avoid guessing *whether the miners or the shaikhs* will be tougher, any further coal-fired stations should be dual-firing and capable of conversion to oil.

Once this basic shift in the *country's energy and electricity* policy is established, the miners will not be involved year after year in a confrontation with the government of the day. They will be faced with deciding for themselves on the future of their own industry. If they wish rapidly to press for rates of pay equivalent to the £100 a week target at today's prices, they will have to face the fact that the price advantage of coal over oil will have gone. On this basis, coal could become a high priced, high wage industry, which would contract in importance in employment and in industrial power. The choice would then lie with the NUM itself.

THE RUINS OF THE ARGENTINE REGIME

When President Juan Perón died a year ago the contradictions in the movement which supported him, and had brought him back to power in 1973 after eighteen years' exile, were already glaringly apparent to the outside world. During his first period in power, from 1943 to 1955, General Perón practised an authoritarian populism whose ideological affinities, if any, were with the social philosophy of José Antonio Primo de Rivera, or of Ernst Roehm, or of Mussolini in the early twenties, rather than with the international left. But he was rather more successful than those leaders in materially improving the lot of the working class and in convincing that class that he was its genuine champion. So when he was driven from office by the army in 1955, although the international left shed few tears for him, and although he found Madrid the most congenial capital in which to take refuge, he left behind him in Argentina a powerful trade union movement which cherished his memory and hoped for his return.

The next eighteen years saw a succession of governments, some civilian and some military, all of a fairly conservative colouring and none of them able either to crush the labour movement or to win its confidence. In such a situation it was inevitable that the most effective opposition should come from the left, and hardly surprising that many of the opposition groups, both violent and non-violent, should seek to extend their influence by invoking the name of Perón. Perón responded to this by dropping hints that he had moved to the left himself, and working through agents from his place of exile he managed to weld *together a Peronist front which* embraced virtually every shade of opinion from Trotskyism to fascism, but whose dominant slogans, so long as it was in *opposition, were those of the* nationalist anti-gringo left. When the front triumphed in the spring of 1973 and its candidate Dr Hector Cámpora became president, Argentina appeared to be lurching leftward in the wake of Allende's Chile.

That lasted for three months, until General Perón, now permitted to return, had successfully installed himself in the seat which Dr Cámpora had kept warm for him. He then quickly began to stop the rot, showing his true colours by such diverse measures as banning the free *sale of contraceptives, restoring* order in universities, and pursuing a cautiously Keynesian economic policy. The Peronist left soon began to show its dis*illusionment, but the front more* or less held together until its leader died. Such acts of left-wing terrorism as occurred were apparently the work of the non-*Peronist People's Revolutionary* Army (ERP).

There was never much chance that this balancing act could be maintained for long once the *authority of the lider himself* was removed. His third wife and successor commanded little respect in her own right, and the chief adviser she inherited from *her husband, Señor José Lopez* Rega, was actively detested by almost all sections of the public and especially by the left. Soon after her accession the Peronist *guerrilla movement, the Montoneros*, announced that it was going back underground. There *followed a swift and ugly escalation* of political murders carried out not only by the left but also, with increasing frequency, by a right-wing counter-terror group, *the "Three As", with which the* name of Señor Lopez Rega was linked frequently in private and lately also by a respected newspaper, *La Opinión*, in public.

Meanwhile the economic situation got rapidly out of hand. Inflation, which had been kept down to 15 per cent in the twelve months of Juan Perón's presidency, *has been over a hundred* per cent in the first twelve months of his wife's. Clearly a drastic economic package was needed, and it was certainly provided last month when the new economics minister, Señor Rodrigo, devalued the peso by fifty per cent and trebled the price of petrol, while the President announced her intention of holding wage increases to 45 per cent, if necessary by decree. But *unfortunately nothing had been* done to secure the political base from which such a package would have to be launched if it were to have any chance of success. The *effect was simply to arouse such* a wave of working-class anger that even the tame and corrupt Peronist leadership of the trade unions was forced into a head-on clash with the Government.

It appears that the Government has now lost that clash, and that *even if President Isabel Perón* has so far resisted the demand that Señor Lopez Rega be dismissed from her private secretariat as well as from the cabinet, her economic policy lies in ruins and her political credibility is damaged probably *beyond repair.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Crossman Diaries

From Professor J. E. S. Hayward

Sir, The unrepentant duality of Richard Crossman's life, his simultaneous commitment to politics as an academic discipline and as a public activity, exposed him to sneers from both members of the political class and from some academics. The Diaries, of which we have had a foretaste, thanks to the commendable courage of *The Sunday Times*, embody both sides of Crossman. On the strength of what we have been permitted to read so far, it is a reasonable assumption that these Diaries will contribute more to the understanding of contemporary British politics and administration than a shelf of apologetics by retired or active statesmen, or painstaking treatises by academic researchers.

The *relatively modest contribution* that the academic study of politics has hitherto made towards an im*provement in the practical working* of British government, can be partly attributed to the secretiveness of the *tight community of senior officials* and politicians who attempt to govern the country. This secretiveness *seems to be based upon a combination* of contempt for the uninformed and a fear of the informed criticism that might result from greater access to information about how political and administrative decisions are actually taken. The persistence of such an arm's length relationship will mean that the politist will continue to have little to offer the politician or the civil servant in their hour of need.

Because Crossman had a belief in the potentialities of the academic *study of politics and the self-confi*dence not to fear the effects of more openness in government, he left *these Diaries from which both prac*titioners and observers of the political art would have much to learn. Thanks to Crossman, it will no longer be strictly true to say that "Those who know won't tell and those who tell don't know". The inability to profit from past mistakes has been a salient failing of British governments in recent years, so it is all the more important that the record left by a privileged *participant-observer* should be available and carefully studied with a view *to avoiding a repetition of past mis*takes, both of academic interpretation and, more importantly, of practical action.

When we cease to be fobbed off with threadbare official fictions that mock the intelligence both of those who proffer and those who countenance them, the foundations will have been laid of a fruitful relationship between the insiders and those who *study politics from the outside.* That is where the public interest lies.

Yours faithfully,
JACK HAYWARD, Chairman,
Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom,
Department of Politics,
The University,
Hull.

Ordination of women

From Mr Arthur Cuff

Sir, Rather to my surprise I see that in the argument in favour of the ordination of women to the priesthood, at the recent synod of the Anglican church, reference was made to psychological considerations.

What evidence or justification is there for assuming that the human psyche is in any fundamental way different now from what it was in Our Lord's time—or Adam's for that matter?

I should have thought that really deep and informed consideration of the psychological factors would have swayed the debate heavily against the ordination of women to the priesthood rather than otherwise—not because women are intellectually or in any other way necessarily inferior to men, but simply because, whatever else they may manage to achieve they can never become fathers.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR W. CUFF,
Juniper,
14 Grove Park,
Wanstead, E11.

From Mr Graham Neville

Sir, Is it not strange that those who *argue against the ordination of* women seem unaware of the strong arguments against the ordination of men? *The sexual stereotypes im*posed by our society allocate to the male most of those characteristics which *militate against a Christ-like* ministry.

Ambition, aggression, authoritarianism, even emotional immaturity, are expected of the twentieth-century, western, urbanized male. If some men in the ministry of the Church embody the characteristics of the Suffering Servant, that is largely in defiance of their expected sexual role.

It is questionable whether there are innate sex-linked characteristics which qualify or disqualify one whole sex from the priesthood. It is, on the other hand, certain that there are socially imposed sexual roles. In our society it is obvious which sex is handicapped in the imitation of Christ by its imposed role: the male sex.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM NEVILLE,
Religious Studies Department,
Eastbourne College of Education,
Darley Road, Eastbourne.

The American Revolution

From Sir Reader Bullard

Sir, Mr Heren's entertaining article on Benedict Arnold (July 4) sent me back to that invaluable book *The Historian's Contribution to Anglo-American Misunderstanding* (R. A. Billington and others, 1966). It deals with impartiality and wide knowledge with both parties to the dispute and the British reader who *is smugly satisfied at the modern* version of the history of the American Revolution may receive a smart rap for the injustice he does to the Americans by his ignorance of events of the first importance such as the war of 1812.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. BULLARD,
46 Plantation Road,
Oxford.

A fair formula for wage limits

From Professor Sidney Pollard

Sir, There appears to be a widespread reluctance to impose a definite wage limitation in the next round, be it of 10 per cent, £6 or any other figure applied across the board. One main reason for this is that it is grossly unfair to those groups which were just about to receive their increases, as against those who just slipped by before the axe fell. It leaves them with a strong sense of grievance. If they are strong enough, they will insist on fair treatment and wreck the standstill; if not, they will wait until the standstill phase is over to get their due back payment, and it is for that reason that past stand stills have made no difference to the long-term wage curve.

Most of these difficulties would be removed if the limitation *referred, not to the situation immediately* before it, but to a much longer period, say to the past three or five years. *Each group of wage and* salary earners would be allowed to choose, within that period, the time *when its wage rate (measured* against the official cost of living index) was the most favourable to itself, and obtain an increase allowing it to get back to that standard, but not beyond, measured against the current cost of living. Such a system was not possible in the past when a standstill meant a total freeze. Now, with perhaps a 10 per cent rise in total money incomes to play with, the chances are that a measure of this kind would not exceed that increase in total, but would distribute it very differently.

There are at least three major advantages over the flat rate *increase. It would remove the sense* of grievance of those just caught by the axe and, indeed, would by *definition satisfy all current claims* based on the cost of living. Secondly, it would give most of those who have *fallen behind, and least to those who* have been greediest. Thirdly, it would create a more acceptable reference point for the future, when real wages overall may be allowed to rise or may have to be cut by a fraction; it would make it easier to translate further price rises into *cost of living bonuses*; and it would make it clearer, if in future one or other group demanded more than its *share, ie, a change in its relative* position, that this could be done only at the expense of all other income earners.

Needless to say, the same principle could with some benefit be applied to prices, penalizing those who have been greediest, and benefiting those who have been able to make real cost reductions, though some differences between industries *will have to be allowed for.*

Yours respectfully,
S. POLLARD, Head,
Department of Economic and Social History,
University of Sheffield.
July 7.

Incomes policy

From Mr R. F. Farmer

Sir, The Chancellor has made it clear that one way or another future rises in wages are to be no more than ten per cent and that the only question open to discussion is *whether this limit is to be ten per* cent of individual earnings or a fixed sum relative to average earnings.

The arguments in favour of the flat rate are obvious and attractive. If it produces any economic or moral benefit in this crisis then clearly it is right that the "fat cats" in our society should be asked to substitute milk for some of the *cream they are accustomed to drink.* It is equally right that those whose staple diet is already skimmed milk should not be asked to eke it out with water.

Unfortunately the reality is not quite so simple. The better paid can eat plainer and cheaper food, use less alcohol and tobacco, spend their holidays at home instead of at an hotel and put off buying a new suit *or an electronic gadget. But no* exercise of personal austerity can reduce the cost of their housing or *—save to a strictly limited extent* —of daily travel to their jobs or of domestic fuel consumption. And it is generally true that the higher a man's earnings the higher will be his irreducible commitments on these three items.

The obvious solution would be to freeze the relevant prices. But if that is not possible a compromise could be made. Housing, travel, heat and light are weighted in the Retail Prices Index so as to account for a little over thirty per cent of the *total. The Chancellor's ten per cent* limit might therefore be made up of three per cent of individual earnings plus a fixed sum equivalent to seven per cent of the average.

The maintenance of differentials may be a luxury we must forgo for the time being but the Chancellor will be wise to avoid policies which may cause those from whom a substantial contribution to our recovery will be demanded to ask themselves if it is worth the bother.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. FARMER,
General Secretary,
Institute of Journalists,
2 and 4 Tudor Street, EC4.

Retail prices

From Professor V. P. Underwood

Sir, Surely the biggest single factor in inflation is lack of real control over the retail price of staple foods: inflated wage demands by powerful minorities no doubt start with legitimate complaints from their shopping wives. The disparity between the prices of the same product in different stores on the same day is shocking.

Last Friday I was charged 40p per pound for Dutch Edam cheese *at a Goodge Street multiple grocery* (price not displayed, so that I was forced to inquire). The price was *32p at one Surbiton store (price* displayed) and 36p at another (price not displayed). Three weeks ago it *was already 40p per pound at an* East Horsley village branch store (price not displayed). The same pattern of disparity existed at the same shops under Mr Heath's administration and therefore cannot be due to lucky buying and storing of cheese by the store with the consistently low price.

It rather gives rise to suspicion of profiteering by stores who can rely on the affluent (secure in wage rises that outstrip prices) not bothering to "shop around", or have no com*petitors near by. Only pensioners* and the new poor (eg, university teachers) deliberately downgraded *by the present Government's unequal* equalitarianism, are obliged to waste dwindling time and energy on making these odious comparisons, which could easily be confirmed by your reporters.

A little publicity might be more effective than any consumer's complaint to whatever government agency claims to be watching retail prices. The disparities apply to many food *products.*

Yours faithfully,
V. P. UNDERWOOD,
University College London,
Gower Street, WC1.
July 4.

Mr Gormley's double-think

From Dr Bryan Thwaites

Sir, July 7's evening papers report Mr J. Gormley as saying: "It is necessary to stop and reflect as to whether we should use that strength to further our own ends or whether we should use it wisely to create a better position for all workers." Having said these things, Mr Gormley is widely described as a moderate.

A few weeks ago, he said as follows: "The miners are going to remain at the top of the tree and if that hurts somebody I am sorry but that is the way I look at life." In my letter which you kindly published on May 21, 1975, I described that as the authentic voice of tyranny.

These two remarks of the NUM President are incompatible. There are therefore two possibilities. First, neither remark may represent what he means. Second, one may *do so and the other does not.* In either case, he is using a standard technique by which tyrants seek *to retain their power.*

Should Mr Gormley disagree with my analysis, I would like to invite him, possibly through the courtesy of your columns, to reconcile the two remarks.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN THWAITES,
Milnthorpe,
Winchester.
July 7.

MPs' salaries

From Mr Anthony Taylor

Sir, Well said Mr Joelson (July 4). Why should MPs, whose decisions *are responsible for our domestic* inflation, exempt themselves from its consequences? Their wits might be sharpened if *they knew that* relief of their personal difficulties lay only in stabilizing the currency.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY TAYLOR,
22 The Crescent,
Alexandra Park,
Nottingham.
July 4.

North London Polytechnic

From the Principal of Sidney Webb College

Sir, I write to repudiate the implication in Lord Annan's letter (July 3) that, with the exception of directors of polytechnics, those of us in positions of responsibility in institutions of higher education maintained by local authorities are "hired hacks" of the authority. We enjoy precisely the same rights of academic freedom of expression as Lord Annan claims for Mr Miller.

No one can do other than deplore the continuing state of confrontation at North London Polytechnic but equally there have been similar situations in universities. I cannot think that the use of emotive language and the subsequent attempt in your leader to identify a scapegoat do anything more than contribute to the irrationality which has so constantly tended to dominate this debate.

Yours faithfully,
R. BERESFORD, Principal,
Sidney Webb College,
9-12 Barrett Street, W1.
July 4.

From Mr Tony Jones

Sir, As a student at University College London, I feel that several points are raised by Lord Annan's letter (July 3) and your editorial of the same day which should not go uncontested.

The letter and editorial appeared on the same day that your paper carried the news of the 30 Lancaster University students who had suc*cessfully presented appeals against* punishments imposed by a disciplinary tribunal at Lancaster.

The appeal committee ruled that the tribunal proceedings were "*vitiated by a likelihood of bias*". Might there not too be some bias in the coverage of affairs at the Polytechnic of North London?

It is amazing that Lord Annan can defend Mr Miller when the governors of PNL have themselves voted for Mr Miller's suspension and set up a committee to look into the whole matter.

Some basic points on polytechnics *and on student activity are likewise* brought out. Lord Annan states that a polytechnic director is not the *hired hack of his local authority*, yet your editorial seems to suggest that far more intervention by the local authority is called for when it says that ILEA failed to act decisively at PNL. Who are we to believe?

Lord Annan is well known for encouraging students to speak up and involve themselves. At the Polytechnic of North London, students did speak up and involve *themselves but their voices went un*heard and their involvement was frustrated.

Yours faithfully,
TONY JONES, President,
University College London Union,
25 Gordon Street, WC1,
July 7.

Picket line at newspaper

From Mr Jim Sharman

Sir, Our family newspaper business in Peterborough has been in dispute with the National Graphical Association for the past seven weeks over the question of the usage of new typesetting equipment. Although the implications of the disagreement are of national importance, the matter is essentially domestic and one in which both sides hold differing, but none the less, sincere views.

However, one of the side effects of the dispute is of such major importance that it must not be overlooked.

When the police were faced last week with 500 imported, often inebriated, pickets they admitted that in spite of 24 hours' notice, they were unable to deal with the situation and abrogated their responsibility to uphold the law which was clearly being broken. Their advice to the management was to capitulate in the face of violence that they admitted was beyond their power to control.

It may be that 25,000 football fans in spontaneous riot are uncontrollable, but has the system so broken *down that 500 violent people can* defy the law with impunity. If 500 can, why not then 300, or 100?

If this is the parlous state at which we have arrived, perhaps we should no longer rely on the law to protect the law abiding, and fall back instead on privately raised support. Private support is by no means difficult to raise, but more so to control.

Before minorities from left, right and centre are crushed by brute force, the laws to which we as a nation subscribe must be reinforced, and be seen to be reinforced as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully,
JIM SHARMAN,
Sharman & Co Ltd,
First Drove Fengate,
Peterborough.
July 8.

Unrest in Dominica

From Sir Laurence Lindo

Sir, As a West Indian, and one who has a strong personal association with the island of Dominica—I served as its Administrator for seven years from 1952-1959—I have been watching with growing concern over the past months the increasingly difficult situation there. I am seriously alarmed by the extent of the problem facing Patrick John, the young Premier, and his government.

The basic cause of the present unrest in Dominica lies in the fact that there are virtually no jobs available for school-leavers. This inevitably leads to frustration and disillusion, and has resulted in lawlessness and violence among young people. The Premier and his Cabinet have firmly grasped the nettle and are determined to meet the challenge, but to achieve any significant results they will need the injection from external sources of money and expertise. Without the means to pro*vide training and employment* for the disillusioned young there is no way in which they can be re*integrated into the community.*

Funds to balance the island's budget and for development purposes are of course available from the British Government. But there is need of a good deal more money to provide for technical training in many fields and for labour-intensive *agricultural and industrial develop*ments than can at present be found from this source.

*In view of Dominica's constitu*tional relationship with the United Kingdom, that of an Associated State, I hope that, notwithstanding the present difficult economic situation in this country, and having regard to the increasing urgency of the situation, there will be found people in Britain who *will be ready to help* in whatever ways they can.

Yours faithfully,
LAURENCE LINDO,
Travellers' Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.
July 1.

Paintings in St Paul's

From the Curator of the Watts Gallery

Sir, In the 1890s Watts presented a version of his "*Sir Galahad*" to Eton College. This was hung in the School Chapel, where it remained *until about twenty years ago when* the restoration of the roof of the building made it necessary to take *it temporarily off the wall. On learn*ing that it was not to be reinstated, I seized the opportunity to acquire it on loan for the Watts Gallery at Compton. In 1968, however, the Provost and Fellows of Eton decided that they would like to have it back, and though I parted with it with reluctance I was delighted to know that it was to return, after 10 years of exile, to the building for which it had been intended.

Is it too much to hope that in the not very remote future the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's may also have second, and better, thoughts?

Yours faithfully,
WILFRID BLUNT, Curator,
The Watts Gallery,
Compton,
Guildford, Surrey.

Left-handed

From Mr J. D. Tunnicliffe

Sir, The answer to General Cowley's question (July 7) is that right-handed golf clubs, unlike tennis rackets and cricket bats, cannot be used left-handed and new golf clubs are expensive. A beginner commonly starts with hand-me-downs or second-hand clubs, and the scarcity of left-handed clubs is therefore self-perpetuating.

It is said that the great Ben Hogan was naturally left-handed but began to play golf right-handed when he was a young caddie for *want of left-handed clubs. It is also* said by some that golf is really a left-handed game played back-handedly and that this accounts partly for Hogan's phenomenal success.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. TUNNICLIFFE,
11 Radcliffe Court,
Rose Crescent,
Cambridge.

Management of hospitals

From Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts

Sir, As a layman who has played a part in the National Health Service *since it began in 1948, I should* like to express appreciation of Professor Margaret Turner-War*wick's excellent article in your issue* of June 25, "The Problem of Understanding the Misunderstood".

I believe that one of the regrettable features of the recent reorganization of the NHS is that laymen can no longer be involved in the management of hospitals. Not the least of the merits of the previous arrangements was that it compelled doctors and hospital administrators to explain their problems and recommendations in language that was intelligible to everyone: a healthy exercise which prevented an amount of misunderstanding.

Dissenting groups of doctors can, believe, *reach agreement* more easily if they meet to discuss their differences under the chairmanship of a layman *who is not ashamed* to insist that the facts are presented to him in simple terms. Unfortunately, since the *intervention of Sir* Keith Joseph's management consultants, laymen have been in short supply.

I think, too, that the complaints often made by patients, that their doctors never tell them anything; and comments by doctors, that patients are deplorably inarticulate, are the result of failure on the part of both to use expressions that each can understand.

Increased specialization and advances in therapeutic and diagnostic techniques are among the reasons for general hospitals being much bigger than they were formerly.

If *good discipline*, effective cooperation between all sections of the staff, and esprit de corps are to prevail in these greatly enlarged institutions, the quality of leadership and management must be capable of overcoming the problems of staff relations that are inherent in big organizations.

In my opinion, it is important in this connexion that members of the staff should be able to identify the "Boss" and that he in turn shall know many of his subordinates by name and the majority by sight. Under the present *dispensation* no hospital has a chairman: management by consensus tends to create *the impression that no one person* is in charge.

I am anxious to remain, as I *have been in the past*, a wholehearted supporter of the NHS, but I am gravely concerned about the *lack of leadership* and the drift towards faceless administration.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY HARDY-ROBERTS,
The Mill House,
Fittleworth,
Pulborough, Sussex.

County hall at Guildford

From Mr C. J. K. Boyce and Mr David Bastin

Sir, Lord Onslow in his letter of June 25 (County Hall at *Guildford*) deplores what he terms the unfairness to those who successfully *petition against private Parliamen*tary Bills of not being able to claim their costs. He cites the *rejection of the recent Stoke Park* Guildford Bill as an example.

The letter contains a number of inaccuracies, notably his assertion that the borough council wished to erect a new county hall on public open space—the land is not legally public open space and the borough council merely wished to have removed a statutory obstacle to the grant of a lease which, if planning permission had been granted following a public inquiry, would have enabled the county *council to erect their own county* hall.

One of the implications of Lord *Onslow's letter is that the pro*moters of the Bill, in going to Parliament before seeking planning permission, pursued a course of action which would ensure that, even if they lost, they would not have to pay the objectors' costs. This is not so. Apart from advice from two leading counsel that the Bill should precede the planning stage, there is little doubt that promotion of the Bill would have been far less costly than the lengthy planning inquiry that would certainly have been required.

Moreover it is most unusual for the costs of objectors at a planning inquiry to be paid by an unsuccessful applicant. The Secretary of State only awards costs where there have been unreasonable behaviour by one or other of the parties. In contrast, there is statutory provision, under the Parliamentary Costs Act, 1865, for costs to be awarded to successful petitioners if, upon application, they can show that the promoters have acted unreasonably or vexatiously. No application was made by the petitioners in the Guildford case.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. K. BOYCE, Mayor of Guildford,
DAVID BASTIN, Chairman of Surrey County Council,
Mayor's Parlour,
Millmead,
Guildford,
Surrey,
July 1.

Amazing value

From Mr A. R. Dobell

Sir, With reference to Mrs Joy McQuade's letter (July 5) concerning superb value for an evening at the Old Vic.

Last weekend I was down in London and visited the Maze at Hampton Court—entry fee 2p. If one wished, one could presumably spend all day in there. You cannot have much better value than that.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY R. DOBELL,
Pear Tree Farm,
Peover Heath,
Knutsford,
Cheshire,
July 5.

COURT CIRCULAR

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
July 8: The King of Sweden arrived in Edinburgh this morning on a State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

His Majesty arrived at Royal Air Force, Turnhouse, Edinburgh Airport by air.

The following are the names of the Suite in attendance:— Mr Sven Andersson (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Lieutenant-General Malcolm Murray (Head of The King's Military Staff), Mr Björn von der Esch (Lord Chamberlain), Mr Sverker Astrom (Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Count Thomas Wachtmeister (Former Lord Chamberlain) and Captain Svante Bergh (Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty).

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by His Excellency the Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Jödahl, welcomed The King of Sweden on behalf of The Queen.

His Majesty was received by Captain Leonard Elgood (Deputy Lieutenant, City of Edinburgh), Brigadier A. G. Findlay (Divisional Brigadier, The Scottish Division), Air Vice-Marshal Basil Lock (Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland), Mr Nigel Foulkes (Chairman, British Airports Authority) and the Lord Boyd-Carpenter (Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority).

A Guard of Honour of The Queen's Colour Squadron of the Royal Air Force, with The Queen's Colour for the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom and the Southern Band of the Royal Air Force, under the command of Squadron Leader D. R. Hawkins, was mounted at the Airport.

The Prince of Wales then presented the following Members of the British Suite who have been specially attached to The King of Sweden:— the Earl of Airlie (Lord in Waiting to The Queen), Sir Sam Falle (Her Majesty's Ambassador at Stockholm) and Major Robin Broke (Equerry in Waiting to The Queen).

The Station Commander (Group Captain Robert Salmon) was presented and The King of Sweden, accompanied by The Prince of Wales and with the Members of the Swedish and British Suites in attendance, then drove to Charlotte Square, Edinburgh.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh met His Majesty upon arrival at Charlotte Square.

There were also present at Charlotte Square:—Councillor John Millar (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Edinburgh), Mr William Bryden (Sheriff Principal of the Sheriffdom of Lothian and Borders), the Right Reverend Doctor James Matheson (Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland), the Right Hon Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury), the Right Hon William Ross, MP (Secretary of State for Scotland), the Lord Emslie (Lord Justice General), Admiral Sir Edward Ashmore (Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord), General Sir Peter Hunt (Chief of the General Staff), Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey (Chief of the Air Staff), Lieutenant-General Sir Chandos Blair (General Officer Commanding Scotland), Councillor Peter Wilson (Convener, Lothian Regional Council) and Mr John Orr (Chief Constable, Lothian and Borders Police).

The Earl of Dundee (Hereditary Standard Bearer of Scotland) and the Officers of Arms were present on duty.

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), with The Queen's Colour, the Band of the Regiment and the Pipes and Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Major M. B. H. Ashmore, was mounted in Charlotte Square.

The King of Sweden, accompanied by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, with The Prince of Wales, drove to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, a Carriage Procession having been formed in the following order:—

CARRIAGE
The Earl of Dundee (Hereditary Standard Bearer of Scotland)
The Earl of Lauderdale (Hereditary Bearer of the National Flag of Scotland)
Mr Malcolm Innes of Edingight (Marchmont Herald)
Mr John Pottinger (Unicorn Pursuivant)

CARRIAGE
Sir James Grant (Lord Lyon King of Arms)
Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Lawson (Rothesay Herald)
Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, Bt (Albany Herald)

FIRST CARRIAGE
THE QUEEN
THE KING OF SWEDEN

SECOND CARRIAGE
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH
The Prince of Wales
Mr Sven Andersson
The Duke of Beaufort

THIRD CARRIAGE
His Excellency the Swedish Ambassador
Mrs Jödahl
Lieutenant-General Malcolm Murray
The Earl of Airlie

FOURTH CARRIAGE
Mr Björn von der Esch
Mr Sverker Aström
Count Thomas Wachtmeister
Sir Sam Falle

FIFTH CARRIAGE
The Countess of Airlie
Captain Svante Bergh
Captain Peter Fletcher
Major Robin Broke

MOTOR CAR
The Crown Equerry
A Sovereign's Escort, with two Standards, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel William Edgedale, The Life Guards, was furnished by the Household Cavalry.

As Their Majesties' Carriage entered Princes Street from South Charlotte Street, a Royal Salute was fired from Edinburgh Castle by the 88th (Arracan) Light Battery, Royal Artillery, under the command of Major J. M. Mesch.

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), with The Queen's Colour, the Band of The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment) and the Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers, under the command of Major A. E. F. Cowan, was mounted in the Forecourt at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Processional Route from Charlotte Square to North Bridge and outside the North Gate of the Palace of Holyroodhouse was lined by the Armed Services.

The Lord Chamberlain (the Lord Maclean) in attendance at the Main Entrance of the Palace of Holyroodhouse upon the arrival of The King of Sweden. The Queen presented the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon (Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Holyroodhouse) and the Duke of Argyll (Hereditary Master of the Household in Scotland).

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma met His Majesty in the West Drawing Room.

The Lady Susan Hussey (Lady in Waiting to The Queen), Colonel the Earl of Stair (Captain-General of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, Royal Company of Archers and Gold Stick for Scotland), Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charteris (Private Secretary to The Queen), Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore (Master of the Household), Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn (Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office), Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller (Crown Equerry), Major-General the Hon Sir Michael Fitzalan-Howard (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) and Major Henry Hugh Smith (Equerry to The Duke of Edinburgh) were in attendance in the Colonnade upon the arrival of The King of Sweden.

Detachments of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers, were on duty. A Colour Party, with the Colours of the Royal Company, was mounted on the Grand Staircase.

The Baille and the High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were present on duty.

The Queen invested The King of Sweden with the Royal Victorian Chain and His Majesty presented to Her Majesty the Chain of the Order of Seraphim.

His Majesty this afternoon, at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, received an Address of Welcome by the Right Hon the Lord Provost and Members of the City of Edinburgh District Council.

The King of Sweden later received His Excellency Monsieur Erling Kristiansen (the Danish Ambassador, Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps), His Excellency Mr Costas Ashiotis (the High Commissioner for Cyprus, Senior High Commissioner), His Excellency Mr Niels Sigurdsson (the Icelandic Ambassador), His Excellency Dr Richard Totterman (the Finnish Ambassador) and His Excellency Monsieur Frithjof Jacobsen (the Norwegian Ambassador).

The Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord (Admiral Sir Edward Ashmore and the Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland (Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Troup) had an audience of His Majesty.

Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma was present.

A detachment of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers, and the High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on duty during the afternoon.

The King of Sweden, with the Members of the Swedish and British Suites in attendance, visited Edinburgh Castle, was received by Lieutenant-General Sir Chandos Blair, Governor of Edinburgh Castle, and laid a Wreath on the Scottish National War Memorial.

His Majesty subsequently drove to the Royal Scottish Academy in Princes Street, was received by the President (Mr R. Philipson) and His Excellency the Swedish Ambassador (Mr Ole Jödahl), and attended a Reception of Swedish Honorary Consuls resident in Scotland and Members of the Swedish Community.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a State Banquet this evening in honour of The King of Sweden at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince of Wales, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Captain Alexander and the Hon Mrs Ramsay and Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma were present.

The following had the honour of being invited:

SUITE OF THE KING OF SWEDEN
Mr Sven Andersson (Minister for Foreign Affairs).
Lieutenant-General Malcolm Murray (Head of The King's Military Staff).
Mr Björn von der Esch (Lord Chamberlain).
Mr Sverker Aström (Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs).
Count Thomas Wachtmeister (former Lord Chamberlain).
Captain Svante Bergh (Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty).

SPECIALLY ATTACHED IN ATTENDANCE UPON THE KING OF SWEDEN
The Earl of Airlie (Lord in Waiting to The Queen).
Sir Sam Falle (Her Majesty's Ambassador at Stockholm).
Major Robin Broke (Equerry in Waiting to The Queen).

AMBASSADORS AND HIGH COMMISSIONER
His Excellency the Danish Ambassador.
His Excellency the Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Jödahl.
His Excellency the High Commissioner for Cyprus and Mrs Ashiotis.
His Excellency the Icelandic Ambassador and Mrs Sigurdsson.
His Excellency the Finnish Ambassador and Madame Totterman.
His Excellency the Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs Jacobsen.

MEMBER OF THE SWEDISH EMBASSY
Mr Bengt Akerren (Minister Plenipotentiary) and Mrs Akerren.

THE CABINET
The Secretary of State for Scotland and Mrs Ross.

SPECIAL INVITATIONS
Princess Margaretha, Mrs John Ambler and Mr John Ambler.
The Right Hon the Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh District and the Lady Provost.
Sheriff Principal and Mrs William Bryden.
The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Mrs Matheson.
The Right Hon the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow District and the Lady Provost.
The Duke and Duchess of Argyll.
The Duke and Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon.
The Earl and Countess of Dundee.
The Lord Justice-General and Lady Emslie.
The Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh.
The Lord and Lady Home of the Hirsel.
The Right Hon Roy Hattersley, MP.
Admiral Sir Edward and Lady Ashmore.
Sir Nicholas and Lady Morrison.
Sir Thomas and Lady Brimelow.
Sir James and Lady Grant.
Sir John and Lady Hill.
Professor Sir Hugh and Lady Robson.
Sir Ferguson and Lady Anderson.
Mr Peter Diamand.
Mr and Mrs Alexander Gibson.
Professor and Mrs Anthony Hewish.
Mr and Mrs John Orr.
Mr Robin Philipson.
Mr and Mrs Peter Wilson.
The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Households in Waiting were in attendance.

During the Banquet The Queen gave the Toast of The King of Sweden, to which His Majesty made reply.

The String Orchestra of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, under the direction of Lieutenant K. N. Sharpe, RM, and Pipe Majors of the Scottish Division played selections of music during and after the Banquet.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently held an Evening Reception in honour of The King of Sweden.

The Military Band of The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons), under the direction of Warrant Officer P. Malas played selections of music during the Reception.

A detachment of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers, and the High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on duty.

Mr James Walton had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Fifth Class).

The Right Hon Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon received an Ambulance on behalf of the Edinburgh Branch of the British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association from the staff and readers of the Evening News at Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh.

Major Henry Hugh Smith was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel John Chandos-Pole (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Northamptonshire) at the Memorial Service for the Earl Spencer (formerly Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Northampton) which was held at All Saints Church, Northampton, today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
July 8: Princess Alexandra, as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Light Infantry, today visited the Regimental Depot at Shrewsbury.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 8: The Duchess of Kent today attended the Silver Jubilee celebrations at the Portland Training College, Mansfield, and opened the new medical wing.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by the Lord Adam Gordon at the Memorial Service for the Earl Spencer which was held at All Saints Church, Northampton, today.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr L. Alexander and Miss V. A. Stone
The engagement is announced between Louis, adopted son of Mr and Mrs George Rickards, of Mexico City, and Victoria Adèle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian C. Stone, of South Wigmore, Beare Green, Surrey.

Mr A. M. Ausden and Miss F. A. Hevey Langan
The engagement is announced between Anthony Maxwell, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. M. Ausden, of Spring Cottage, Over Peover, Cheshire, and Felicity Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Hevey Langan, of Mount Hevey, Hill of Dowan, co Meath.

Mr J. F. S. Cabot and Miss R. J. Richards
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Cabot, of Hastings, New Zealand, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jason Richards, of Timaru, New Zealand.

Mr N. P. C. Hepherd and Miss P. P. Curran
The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Patrick Hepherd, of 42 Stockwell Green, London, SW9, and Pauline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Gerard Curran, of Regina House, Warrenpoint, co Down, Northern Ireland.

Mr A. M. K. Russell-Scarr and Miss C. D. J. Herdman-Newton
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mrs Jeremy Le Mesurier and the late Mr R. C. F. Russell-Scarr and stepson of Mr Jeremy Le Mesurier, of 4 Gordon Place, London, W8, and Catharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Herdman-Newton, of The Garden Cottage, Pavenham, Bedfordshire.

Mr R. Wyatt and Miss P. J. Hindley
The engagement is announced between Robin, youngest son of the late Sir Stanley Wyatt and of Lady Wyatt, and Penelope, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs G. B. S. Hindley.

Marriage

Mr N. V. Surtees and Miss P. A. Lumley
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 5, at St Mary's, Send, between Mr Nicholas Vere Surtees, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Surtees, of Cobham, Surrey, and Miss Philippa Ann Lumley, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R. F. Lumley, of Melbourne, Australia.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, to succeed Sir John Maitland as president of the Institute of Patentees and Inventors and Mr S. Green to succeed Mr A. W. Richardson as chairman of the council.
Mr D. M. Doig to be president of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and Sir Oliver Chesterton to be honorary secretary.

Luncheon

GLC
The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended a luncheon given by the Chairman of the Greater London Council, Dame Evelyn Denington, at County Hall yesterday, in honour of the mayors of London boroughs.

Reception

Lord Darwen
Lord Darwen entertained members and guests of the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry at a reception at the House of Lords yesterday evening.

Dinners

Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex
The Deputy Lieutenants of West Sussex entertained the Lord Lieutenant, Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, at dinner yesterday evening at Goodwood House, by permission of the Earl of March and Kinrara. The vice-lord lieutenant, Sir Peter Mursell, presided. Others present included:
The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Earl of March and Kinrara, Viscount Cowdray, Sir Walter Burrell, Captain Sir Robert Stirling-Hamilton, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Thistleton-Smith, Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts, Sir Geoffrey Todd, Sir Norman Langley, Major-General E. C. Colville, Major-General H. M. Lardet, Brigadier B. Ainworth, Brigadier R. E. Loder, Lieutenant-Colonel J. P. Colvin, Lieutenant-Colonel Miles Reid, his Honour Commander Block and Major E. A. Calvert.

HM Government
The Secretary of State for Defence and Mrs Mason were hosts last night at a dinner given by her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House, in honour of General Nikola Ljubicic, Federal Secretary of National Defence, Yugoslavia, and Mme Ljubicic. Among others present were:
The Yugoslav Ambassador and Mme Oreszanin, Lieutenant-General R. Sussa, Captain T. Vilotic, Colonel S. Oro, Colonel and Mme M. Surtan, Lieutenant-Colonel D. Maksimovic, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mme M. Ribner, Lieutenant-Colonel S. Popovic, Lord Gorgnoy-Roberts, Mr Robert Brown, MP, Air Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Barraclough, Sir Lester and Lady Suffield, Sir John and Lady Killick, Mr A. P. Hockaday, Rear-Admiral and Mrs C. Rusby, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs J. Cunnell, Major-General T. B. L. Churchill, Mr and Mrs J. Parker, Dr A. E. P. Duffy, MP, Mr J. F. Mayne, Captain E. W. Briggs, RN, Colonel and Mrs R. A. M. Pielow, Group Captain D. J. Devlin and Mrs Carswell.

Banquet

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained at a state banquet at the Mansion House yesterday evening the Lord Chancellor and Lady Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Widgery, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Denning, the President of the Family Division, Sir George Baker, and other of her Majesty's judges at home and from overseas, members of the legal profession, aldermen, sheriffs, members of the Court of Common Council and high officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies. The toast of her Majesty's judges was proposed by the Lord Mayor and responded to by the Lord Chief Justice. The health of the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress was proposed by the Lord Chancellor to which the Lord Mayor replied. Other guests included:
Lord Goodman, Sir Lionel and Lady Denny, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Jan and the Hon Lady Cowater, her Majesty's Ambassador in Kuwait and Mrs A. T. Lamb, Mr and Mrs Stanley Tong, Mr and Mrs J. N. Albain, Mr and Mrs D. M. Meltzer, Mr and Mrs C. R. Dunning, Mr P. M. Fox, Miss Alison Fox, Miss Christine Fox, Mr R. A. Pulvertaft, and Mrs Walmsley.

OBITUARY

SIR WILLIAM HODGE

A distinguished mathematician

Professor Sir William Hodge, FRS, ScD, FRSE, who was Lowndean Professor of Astronomy and Geometry and Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge, from 1958 to 1970, has died at the age of 72.

One of the leading mathematicians of his time, he also played a prominent part both nationally and internationally in the mathematical and scientific world.

William Vallance Douglas Hodge was born in Edinburgh in 1903. He was educated at George Watson's College and Edinburgh University before going on to St John's College, Cambridge. There he took the Mathematical Tripos and a few years later won the Smith's Prize. With the exception of five years as a lecturer at Bristol and a year at Princeton, the rest of his working life was spent in Cambridge. After holding a research Fellowship at St John's he became a staff Fellow of Pembroke, until in 1936 he succeeded H. F. Baker as Lowndean Professor. He remained a Fellow of Pembroke and in 1958 he was elected Master.

The title of Astronomy in Hodge's Chair had been nominal for some time and his mathematical contributions were in the field of Algebraic Geometry. His work here was of a genuine pioneering kind and the theory of Harmonic Integrals, which was his main contribution to mathematics, has had a profound influence on the development of Geometry in the past 30 years. When Hodge first came to Cambridge Geometry, as practised by the Baker school, was in danger of becoming fossilized and cut off from the rest of mathematics. Hodge revitalized the subject by emphasizing and developing its relationship with analysis and topology. In doing this he helped to steer British mathematics back into the mainstream.

Hodge's work was in the great tradition of Riemann and Poincaré but his more immediate inspiration came from the work of Lefschetz, for whom he had a tremendous admiration. He went to Princeton in 1931, primarily because Lefschetz was there, and he was greatly influenced by Lefschetz's ideas.

As might be expected from his work, there was nothing parochial in Hodge's mathematical outlook. He was very much aware of the importance of maintaining contact with mathematicians abroad and after the war he played a leading part in the formation of the International Mathematical Union, serving as vice-president from 1954 to 1958. He presided over the International Congress of Mathematicians at Edinburgh in 1958 and was responsible for the organization that went with it. He was also one of the prime movers in starting the British Mathematical Colloquium whose annual meetings since the war have done much to stimulate mathematical activity in this country. He was president of the London Mathematical Society (1947-49), the Mathematical Association (1955) and the Cambridge Philosophical Society (1947-49).

Hodge was very unlike the conventional picture of a mathematician. Jovial, informal and down-to-earth, he could easily have passed for a successful businessman. In fact he had a considerable interest in the practical matters of University life and was not in the least worried by administrative burdens. He served for many years on important University bodies and he also for a number of years acted as College Bursar. When the Faculty of Mathematics divided into two departments—something which Hodge deplored—he inevitably became Head of the Department of Pure Mathematics.

His scientific eminence and practical experience combined to make him the obvious choice for the Mastership of Pembroke when S. C. Roberts retired in 1958. As Master he took his duties seriously and always had the best interests of Pembroke very much at heart. Together with Lady Hodge he did much to preserve a friendly atmosphere in the College. His college loyalties, however, did not blind him to the wider needs of the University, and he took a liberal view about the need for Colleges to elect more Fellows.

Hodge held very strongly that the place of mathematics was firmly in the sciences. As a result he took a keen interest in the Royal Society. He was elected a Fellow at the early age of 35 and from 1957-65 held the important office of Physical Secretary. He was also a Vice-President from 1959 to 65.

Honours and medals were showered on him in his later years. He received recognition for his public services by being knighted in 1959. The Royal Society awarded him its Royal Medal in 1957 and the London Mathematical Society gave him the de Morgan Medal in 1959. He held honorary degrees from the Universities of Bristol, Edinburgh, Leicester, Sheffield, Exeter, Wales and Liverpool, and he was a Foreign Associate of the American National Academy of Sciences.

He married Kathleen Cameron in 1929 and had a son and daughter.

MR FRANK MACDERMOT

Mr Frank MacDermot, well known in the 1930s and 1940s as an Irish politician and international journalist, died last month at the age of 89 while on a visit to his son Brian MacDermot in London.

A descendant of the Irish princes of Coolavin, Mr MacDermot was educated at Downside and Oxford and read for the Bar. Throughout the First World War he served in the British Army, finishing the war with the rank of major. For several years after the war he was a member of a banking house in New York, and during this period married an American wife.

He stayed away from Irish politics for over ten years, but in 1932 he entered the Dail, and quickly made a name for himself by founding and leading the National Centre Party. His wife, Elaine, incidentally gave his personal publicity a boost by winning £15,000 in the Irish Sweep that year. In 1938 Mr de Valera nominated him to the Senate, once he had decided not to run in the general election.

With his political aspirations dimmed, Mr MacDermot became the Dublin correspondent of *The Sunday Times*. During the Second World War censorship in Ireland became progressively frustrating, and he moved to New York, where he continued to represent *The Sunday Times*. At the end of the war, having distinguished himself with his reporting of the San Francisco conference in 1945 which established the United Nations Organization, he transferred to Paris, for which he had a life-long love, and he remained there as *The Sunday Times* chief Paris correspondent until his retirement in 1950. Thereafter he continued to live quietly in Paris, occupying his time mainly in research into Irish political history. Sometimes he travelled to Dublin to read papers to the Irish Historical Society and visit members of his family at the same time. Shortly before the Second World War he wrote what is generally regarded as the most authoritative life of Theodore Wolfe Tone, the Irish revolutionary hero.

His political insight, wide knowledge and elegant writing won him a position of distinction among correspondents in Paris, reinforced by his good looks, and authoritative air which went with a warm nature and great kindness to younger colleagues.

MR R. C. HUTCHINSON

Sir Rupert Hart-Davis writes: Your obituary account of R. C. Hutchinson is admirably accurate as to facts, but perhaps a little short on literary appraisal.

It is not easy to describe Hutchinson's *oeuvre* in a few words. He was an uneven writer, with occasional failures, but I claim that of his 16 novels at least seven are major works, fit to stand beside the finest novels of this century in any language. He excelled in tragedy and he needed for the full deployment of his vivid imagination a large panorama of catastrophe of which he had no first-hand knowledge. *In The Unforgotten Prisoner* he described Germany in defeat after the first war; in *One Light Burning* exploration in the frozen north; in *Shining Scabbard* a French provincial family in the early years of this century; in *Testament* the Russian Revolution; in *The Fire and the Wood* persecution in Nazi Germany; in *Recollection of a Journey* the march of Polish refugees across half Europe; and in *A Child Possessed* a Russian emigré lorry driver and his idiot child in the South of France.

His novels set in England were less successful, as though writing of what he knew personally did not give his imagination enough scope. All the best novelists create their own world, into which the reader enters with absorption. Hutchinson did this, but in each of his major novels the world is a different one, wholly apposite and convincing. There is much talk these days of creative writing (in America they even believe it can be taught), and I know of no modern author more truly creative than R. C. Hutchinson.

He had his commercial successes and his share of literary prizes, but most of the critics and reviewers were blind to his quality, and in none of the endless stream of books and discussions about the modern novel and contemporary literature have I ever seen or heard his name mentioned.

All his life, regardless of fashion, neglect or misunderstanding, he pursued his solitary way, taking no part in what is called literary life, attending no parties—a dedicated artist if ever there was one. Genius is impossible to define, and the word has become tarnished by exposure, but I believe that R. C. Hutchinson had it, and that future generations will think likewise.

Sybil Viscountess Portman, widow of the fifth Viscount Portman, died on July 5 at the age of 74. She was the Hon Sybil Mary Douglas Pennant, youngest daughter of the third Baron Penrhyn, and she was married in 1926. Her husband died in 1942.

Mr William Henry Linsker, a former Assistant Chief Constable of Lancashire, has died at the age of 72. In 1945 he was seconded to the Foreign Office, appointed police adviser in Greece, and reorganized the Greek police force.

Pavel Virsky, for many years the chief choreographer for the Soviet army song and dance ensemble has died at the age of 70.

Sir Philip Rodrigo, OBE, has died in Colombo at the age of 75.

A Senator of the Parliament of Ceylon from 1950 to 1971, he was made OBE in 1952 and knighted for social services in Colombo North in 1953.

Nikolai Zakolupin, editor-in-chief of Russia's agriculture daily newspaper, *Selskaya Zhizn*, has died at the age of 55.

Chinese ceramics market improves after recession

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's major summer sale of Chinese ceramics and works of art yesterday contained good cheer after the market had suffered in last year's recession. The sale totalled £680,990, with a high proportion sold.

A Ming bowl decorated in underglaze blue with peaches and flower sprays in the interior and peonies on the exterior made £100,000. It bears the Yung Lo reign mark (1402-1424) and is the only known large (13in diameter) blue-and-white bowl of that period. Sotheby's had started by estimating £50,000 to £75,000, but raised their sights before the sale to £75,000 to £100,000. Early blue-and-white prices fell last year.

There was also an 11in blue-and-white bowl of the Yuan dynasty (fourteenth century) decorated with a carp swimming among water plants; it made £44,000 (estimate £30,000 to £40,000). However, the continuing attention paid to condition was illustrated when a large 17in blue-and-white fifteenth-century dragon bottle was unsold at £10,000 (estimate £25,000 to £30,000): it had been badly broken and reassembled.

Among the Sung (960-1127) wares was a very rare Kuan-Yao bottle vase, which reached £78,000 (estimate £25,000 to £50,000); it has a bulbous body and tapering neck with horizontal ribs and is covered with a thick grey-blue glaze. A superb example of this type of vase made £94,500 at Christie's in 1970. Yesterday's example was not quite straight, and had a very crackled glaze and a repair to the foot rim.

The earliest pieces brought the strongest prices. A T'ang dynasty (618-906) carved stone figure of a female musician standing 12 inches high went to Eskenazi at £36,000, surprising Sotheby's, who had estimated £4,000 to £6,000. The price is an easy auction record for a Chinese stone sculpture.

Eskenazi also paid £31,000 (estimate £15,000 to £25,000) for a very fine (riderless) T'ang pottery model of a Ferghan horse, glazed in brown, green and cream. Two major prices for archaic bronzes were £38,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000) for a ritual wine vessel (kuo), a superb example of a common type; and £22,000 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) for a ritual bronze axehead, mineralized from burial; both Shang dynasty.

Late porcelains, which suffered most last year, still have much ground to make up. Hugh Moss paid £4,300 for a fine Imperial coral ground bowl (estimate £2,000 to £3,000); in April last year Mrs Glatz paid £30,000 for such a bowl.

Memorial service

Mr N. Salter
The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by Mr Hugh Whitworth, and Mr Edward Heath, MP, by the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, at a memorial service for Mr Noel Salter held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon David Edwards officiated, assisted by the Bishop of Kingston, Mr Kenneth Johnstone and Father Thomas Corbishley, SJ, read the lessons, the Rev Paul Oestreicher read from "A Letter to My Fellow Jesuits" by Daniel Berrigan and Dr Ronald Ferrier read from "Death be not proud" by John Donne. The Rev Alan Booth gave an address. Among those present were:
Mrs Salter (widow), Mark Salter (son), Theresa Salter (daughter), Mr and Mrs A. Salter (father and mother), Squadron Leader and Mrs Peter Garth and Mr and Mrs Michael Saint (brothers-in-law and sisters), Dr and Mrs A. H. Adderley, Mr and Mrs Howard Lambert, Mr K. Adderley, Mrs I. M. Strachan, Mrs J. Rushbide, Mrs David Wardle, Mr Stuart Stuart, Miss Virginia Stuart, Miss Jane Stuart, Mrs Gillian Stuart.
The Bishop of Fulham and Gibraltar, Bishop Kenneth Sansbury, Bishop Mahon, Lord and Lady Bridges, Mr E. C. Anyaoku (representing the Secretary General of the Commonwealth), Mr Fred Mulley, MP, Mr David Ennals, MP, Sir Anthony and Lady Meyer, Sir Geoffrey Wilson, Sir Dabil Liddesdale (Clerk of the House of Commons), Sir Nigel Fisher, MP, and Lady Fisher, Sir John Peel, Sir Kenneth Grubb, the Rev Hugh Wilcox (British Council of Churches) and Mrs Wilcox, Miss Janet Lacey, Mr and Mrs Uwe Kitzinger, Mr and Mrs Peter Marshall, the Rev Kenneth Slack, the Rev Dr John Huxtable, Mr Michael Alison, MP, Sir W. D. Pattinson (General Synod of the Church of England), Miss Armande Cohen and Mr Stuart White (Assembly of Western European Union), Dr Cecil Northcott, Mr Peter Snelson (Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation), Commonwealth Secretariat), Mr Noel Charles (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development), Miss Monica Wingate (World Federalists), Mr David Scott (Clerk of Private Bills, House of Commons), Mr Cecil Evans (Friends (Quakers) Peace and International Relations Committee), Canon Herbert Sydenham, Canon John Arnold, the Rev Peter Gomlin, the Rev Edward Rogers, the Rev William Simpson, and Mrs Alan Booth.

Science report

Fish behaviour: Keeping in touch

It is an axiom of ethologists who turn their attention to human studies that for any human behaviour a counterpart will be found in the animal kingdom. The reverse is not true: nature maintains a clear lead in bizarre relationships—witness the extraordinary sexual bondage of the males of certain species of anglerfish. Recent investigations have shown that such is the anxiety of the fish to establish a lasting sexual relationship that it is not only parasitic but frequently precocious.

The fish in question are ceratoid anglerfish that live at depths of 500 metres or more in all the world's oceans. Since the population of the anglerfish is very thinly spread out, opportunities for reproductive meetings must be very rare. Once contact has been made it is clearly to the advantage of the species if the relationship can be made permanent.

It has been known for many years that the male anglerfish has, at the tips of his jaws, a set of pincer-like teeth that he sinks into the female on meeting, never to let go. In the ensuing months the male slowly fuses with his mate.

At first it is only the topmost layers of cells around the jaws of the male that become continuous with the corresponding female epidermis. But gradually the fusion becomes more extensive until, although the male's body is still to be seen, it has appended to the female to such an extent that even the blood systems of the two fish are connected. By then it is no longer necessary for the male to eat, because his requirements can be fully met through his mate's bloodstream. In return the female seeks nothing but sperm, on tap.

The apotheosis of the male's testicles is at the expense of his general development. While he may start off at about the same size as the female, a full grown female of 300 millimetres can be 30 times the size of the attached male. At that stage the testes may occupy the whole of the body cavity of the male, while other organs such as the eye become mere relics of the organs they used to be.

Dr Theodore Pietsch, of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University, has described in a recent issue of *Nature* two recently captured couples of the anglerfish *Cryptopsaras couesi* that have turned out to be the smallest and youngest examples yet known. From the size of the fish and the sexual immaturity of the females, the age can be estimated as not more than 12 months. Since their fusion is already well advanced, the initial meeting of the fish must have been very early in their lives.

An analysis of all the recorded specimens of *C. couesi* reveals that they consist of 200 free living females, 75 free living males and only nine fused couples. The relative scarcity of couples emphasizes how important it is that such rare meetings that do occur are not allowed to be just brief encounters, however young the fish. Dr Pietsch is clearly correct in believing that his discovery of the precocity of sexual parasitism in the anglerfish "makes this solution to the seemingly difficult problem of reproduction in the deep sea, even more remarkable".

By Nature-Times News Service.
Source: *Nature* (July 3) 256, 38; 1975.

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Latest wills

Mrs Winifred Hilda Thorn, of Watford, left £60,729 net (no duty shown). After bequests of £2,100, she left the residue to Beechen Grove Baptist Church, Watford, to provide tablets for poor and elderly people.
Mr William Browning, of Birkdale, Merseyside, consulting engineer, left £32,631 net (no duty shown). He left all his property to the Society of Friends.
Miss Constance Lilian Hatton, of Torquay, left £50,329 net (no duty shown). After bequests of £9,100 she left the residue equally among St Dunstan's, Dr Barnardo's and the 1949 Conservative & Unionist Trust.
Other estates include (net before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):
Morton, Mr John Douglas, of South Nutfield, Surrey, solicitor £113,243

Today's engagements

The Queen visits Linburn Centre of the Scottish National Institution for the War Blinded, 11.
The Duke of Edinburgh lunches with Standard Life Assurance Company, St George Street, Edinburgh, and afterwards tours the offices, 1.
The Queen and the Duke visit the Royal Commission of Ancient and Historical Monuments in Scotland exhibition, Canongate, Tolbooth, 3; the Duke, as patron, distributes cheques on behalf of Edinburgh Students' Charities Appeal, City Chambers, Edinburgh, 3.30.
The Queen and the King of Sweden, with the Duke, attend Ceremony of Beating Retreat performed by massed bands, pipes and drums of the Scottish Division in Holyrood Park, 6.30.
Exhibition in St Paul's Cathedral to mark its tercentenary, 9-6.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, July 8, 1950

From Our Special Correspondent
Paris, July 7.—The scheme for a European payments union was approved by the Council of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation at its meeting this morning. Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking to the Council as the United Kingdom representative, said that he considered the agreement on the EPU to be one of the greatest of international achievements.

The EPU is designed "to operate as long as it is impossible to establish a multilateral system of European payments by other means".

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North Sea gas from Frigg field faces further two-year setback

Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

As the deadline at the end of July approaches for raising the gas drilling platform for the Frigg field from the bottom of the North Sea, market-research experts at the British Gas Corporation have once again put back the likely arrival date of gas from the field—this time until early 1978, two years behind schedule.

Officially British Gas and the French companies developing the field are still working to a revised timetable of getting Frigg gas ashore in mid-1977. But the corporation's marketing department takes a more pessimistic view of the troubled situation on the Frigg field and quotes 1978 as a more realistic date for selling the supplies from this source.

Frigg's problems began last October when the first drilling platform for the field was accidentally sunk some three kilometres short of its correct drilling position. Two unsuccessful attempts have been made to raise the 6,500 tonne steel jacket about 25 metres so that it can continue its journey to the gasfield.

French engineers from the ELF/Aquitaine group and Americans from the J. Ray McDermott rig building group are working against the deadline to get new steel floatation tanks welded on to the structure so that it has enough buoyancy to clear the bottom of the ocean.

If they fail to meet the deadline ELF's complex and expensive contingency plan will be put into action. This involves the conversion into a drilling platform of a concrete manifold structure built for installation as a midway booster station on the 350 miles of parallel 32in pipelines that will move gas to a reception terminal at St Fergus, Aberdeenshire.

The platform, built by the Howard Doris group in northern Norway has already been converted to accommodate gas well drilling equipment. Work has also started in Sweden on a replacement concrete booster platform. The cost of this contingency plan already runs into tens of millions of pounds.

Should the steel platform be successfully salvaged the booster unit can revert to its original role within a couple of weeks leaving Elf to decide whether to cancel the Swedish construction work and pay sizable penalties or complete the unit and try to sell it on the open market.

Frigg is one of the biggest gasfields found in the North Sea and straddles the median line between British and Norwegian waters. British Gas has contracted to buy the entire 1,400 to 1,500 million cubic feet of gas that will be available daily.

The sinking happened during the development of the first stage which covers exploiting gas in the United Kingdom part of the reservoir. Supplies from the Norwegian sector should now be available in 1979.

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Newman will ask bank to appraise deals

By John Whitmore

Newman Industries, the Bristol-based engineering group, is to call in a merchant bank to make an independent appraisal of its proposed deals relating to Thomas Poole & Gladstone China.

This decision was announced at yesterday's extraordinary general meeting in Bristol, after Monday's representations from institutional shareholders and an overwhelming vote by the Newman shareholders present at yesterday's meeting to defer a vote on the relevant resolutions for a further three weeks.

Mr Alan Bartlett, Newman's chairman, said that he was putting the motion for an adjournment in the interests of the company and to prevent further damage to its reputation. In fact, he added, sufficient proxies had been received in favour of the resolutions to ensure that they were carried—and not just marginally.

Under the resolutions, Newman was seeking shareholder approval of two deals. The first was the acquisition of a package of investments and liabilities from TPG—which owns about a quarter of the Newman equity—for £325,000. The second deal concerns a purchase by Newman of a 19.8 per cent stake in TPG from Strongpoint, a private company controlled by Mr Bartlett and Mr J. K. Laughton, a vice-chairman of Newman.

Over recent days Mr Angus Murray, a non-executive director of Newman, has come out openly against the proposals.

Mr Bartlett opened yesterday's meeting—attended by more than 50 people—by saying that it was tragic that recent events had precipitated a situation that could only be to the detriment of the company's shareholders.

Mr Bartlett then spoke for almost an hour, laying before shareholders what he had told the institutions in London the previous day. First, he explained the role that Mr Murray had played as a director and how he had become more deeply involved than envisaged in Redman Heenan, the Worcester-based engineering group of which he is chairman.

He had been taken aback, he said, by the timing of Mr Murray's decision to oppose the deal—some days after the relevant documents had been posted to shareholders — and Mr Murray's further announcement last Thursday afternoon that he would disclose to the press next morning his opposition were the board not to agree to an adjournment.

Mr Bartlett then explained how Newman had produced record pre-tax profits last year, despite the three-day week, and how it had strengthened its international marketing. Electric motors, however, remained the company's main product and towards the end of 1974, it had become apparent that this market was heading for a cyclical downturn.

The group had, therefore, decided to capitalize on its strength, its expertize in overseas marketing.

Clearing banks hit by cheaper loans

By Christopher Wilkins
Banking Correspondent

Clearing bank advances during the month to the middle of June showed a much bigger fall than would normally be justified on seasonal grounds.

Loans by the London clearers to the private sector fell by £377m to £13,496m and to the public sector they were down by £87m to £150m. Comparable loans by the Scottish clearers were down by £36m and £19m.

The banks identify the major part of the decline in loan demand as coming from the manufacturing sector, with no sign of any uplift in demand for investment finance. Extra working capital needs are apparently being met only partially by borrowing from banks, the rest coming from a cutback in stocks and tighter trade credit.

This analysis would appear to suggest that the sluggish levels of demand for loans apparent for most of this year had taken a sharp turn for the worse, but that is almost certainly overstating the case.

According to the Bank of England, the decline in advances by the clearing banks has been offset by a rise in loans by other banks. The reason for the other banks' gain in market share is that short-term interbank rates have been falling at a time when clearing bank base rates have been holding steady.

Because a large part of non-clearing-bank advances are related directly to interbank rates the other banks have been able to offer cheaper funds. Overall it would thus appear that the decline in lending may have been no worse than would normally be expected on seasonal grounds.

A notable feature of the Bank of England's own statistics is the rapid rise in the reserve asset ratio of the banking system as a whole from 13.7 to 14.6 per cent. The clearing banks' ratios remained unchanged at 13.6 per cent, reflecting their relatively stagnant circumstances.

But other groups showed dramatic increases. The accepting houses were up from 13.7 to 17.5 per cent, while British overseas and Commonwealth banks were up from 13.3 to 16.7 per cent.

These increases reflect the large rise in the issue of Treasury bills during the month as part of the programme to finance the Exchequer deficit. Last month the amount of Treasury bills in issue rose from £735m to £1,074m, which compares with February's low figure of £403m and a mere £210m in June last year.

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BANK FIGURES

The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve asset ratios of United Kingdom banks released by the Bank of England today:

At mid-month	Eligible liabilities £m	Rise over 3 months at annual rate %	Reserve assets ratio %
1974			
June	30,038	−1.4	13.5
July	30,837	12.6	13.4
Aug	30,856	17.6	13.4
Sept	30,752	9.9	13.6
Oct	31,219	5.0	13.4
Nov	31,461	8.1	13.5
Dec	31,527	10.6	13.6
1975			
Jan	31,603	4.1	13.8
Feb	31,857	5.1	13.5
March	32,054	6.6	13.8
April	32,322	9.4	13.7
May	32,604	9.7	13.7
June	30,038	−22.9	13.5

Russian gold sales may finance huge grain deal

Signs of growing Soviet activity in Western currency, Eurodollar and gold markets provide evidence that the USSR may be seeking substantial dollar balances for North American grain purchases, according to London bankers quoted by Reuters.

This follows the reports yesterday in London shipping and grain circles that the USSR had apparently chartered up to 19 bulk carriers to carry quantities of North American grain.

London grain dealers estimated that the Russians have provisionally booked for up to 10 million tonnes of grain from North America. Reuter, meanwhile, reported that intense heat has reduced Soviet hopes of a record winter grain crop.

The largest grain deal between the United States and USSR was in 1972-73, when Russia bought some 19 million tonnes of American grain at a cost of more than $1,000m.

Other signs suggesting a similar large grain deal could be near, included news on Friday by the Swiss gold pool banks that large sales of gold have been made by the USSR.

The Soviet sales, which have been detected in Zurich for several weeks, have at times appeared to approach the amount of gold deliveries from current South African production, according to these banks.

London bankers calculate that sales on this scale could create a dollar income of up to $100m weekly.

They recalled that the Soviet Union has in the past sold gold, other precious metals and diamonds on Western markets in order to finance grain and food purchases.

Some bankers said the Soviet Union also appeared to be seeking substantial dollar foreign exchange from other areas.

The dollar's strong advance in European foreign exchange centres recently, posting a swing of up to 3 per cent against the mark and Swiss franc in the past three weeks, has been accompanied by steady demand from one country, possibly the USSR.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Foreign Trade of the USSR has completed a $250m medium-term loan in Western Eurocurrency markets.

This is the largest ever formal borrowing by the USSR in Western markets, bankers said.

Miners promised end to coal imports

Paul Routledge

Coal imports, which last year amounted to nearly four million tons, will cease when present contracts expire, Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, told the National Union of Mineworkers conference in Scarborough yesterday.

He added, however, that it the price of coal was pushed up high by wage demands, imports could be resumed.

Sir Derek said: "Concern has been expressed about imports. Last year when we were desperately short of coal, certain quantities had to be imported to keep essential services going.

"What is now being imported is the residue of these contracts to which the electricity and steel industries are committed.

"I have been assured by the chairmen of the Central Electricity Generating Board and the British Steel Corporation that they have no intention of making new import contracts, unless we are unable to provide the quantities required, or unless we substantially price ourselves out of the market."

The NCB chairman said that the industry's own failure to meet its target output could restrict its growth, "but so too could the price of coal if it continues to rise as it has in recent years".

The average effective price advantage of coal over oil delivered to power stations has now been eroded from 44 per cent to little more than 10 per cent by a virtual doubling in the price of coal.

Sir Derek said: "Substantial tonnages are already very close to the crossover point where coal could again become uncompetitive against oil. Electricity is our main market; but in other markets too we face a threat.

"Our coking coal prices have increased by about 140 per cent over the last year, and as a result imported supplies of many qualities of coking coal are now cheaper than ours at coastal steelworks."

Mr Hoppe's £78,600 a year fee

By Peter Hill

Mr Iver Hoppe, the Danish shipbuilding executive who resigned as managing director of Harland & Wolff Belfast shipbuilders and engineers a year ago, was paid an annual fee of £78,655. In addition, his terms of employment were reviewed annually to reflect increases in the cost of living and fluctuations in the exchange rate between sterling and the Swiss franc.

Details of Mr Hoppe's terms of employment with the soon-to-be-nationalized group which, until now, have been a closely guarded secret, were disclosed yesterday in the company's annual report and accounts.

The details are bound to revive the controversy in the House of Commons which followed disclosures in *The Times* earlier this year of Mr Hoppe's links with a Swiss-based consultancy company.

Mr Hoppe, a Danish citizen, was recruited by the Tory Government through a company of professional management consultants in 1971, and when he resigned in August last year—at the request of the Ulster Department of Commerce—his contract still had seven years to run.

Mr Hoppe, in fact, supplied his services to Harland through Shipbuilding Services SA, a consultancy company registered at Fribourg in Switzerland.

Shipbuilding Services, whose sole director is a Swiss lawyer, has laid a claim against Harland & Wolf after Mr Hoppe's departure, although the latest report states: "Counsel has advised that the company has a good defence against any such claim and consequently no provision has been made in the accounts".

The report, which will be the last produced by the company before its nationalization, also carries a qualification from chartered accountants, Price Waterhouse & Co, of the directors' assessment of expected losses on its current order book.

£20m loss by Finance for Industry after provisions of £24.5m

By Our Financial Staff

Heavy provisions against possible losses totalling £24.5m have led to a full year pre-tax loss of £19.9m by Finance for Industry, the vehicle through which the City is making £1,000m available for investment by industry. This compares with a profit of £7.5m the previous year.

Despite the recovery in the stock market, which removed the expected necessity to write down the value of equity investments, the provisions emerge about £5m higher than FFI feared at the half-yearly stage.

At that point FFI had reported a pre-tax loss of £2m after special provisions of £4.4m, and had given warning that provisions of a further £15m might be necessary. Yesterday Lord Seebohm, chairman of FFI, said he believed the provisions to be "conservative" and that some of them might eventually be recovered.

Property provisions totalling £8.3m are a major factor, chiefly because of a write-down to current use values of development sites held by Anglia Commercial Properties, the subsidiary which specializes in providing factories for small businesses. A further £1.5m has been allocated in respect of holdings in irredeemable preference shares.

The rest largely relates to investments held by FFI's Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation arm, whose investments at the year's end totalled £241m.

In addition to the pre-tax provisions FFI has made a further extraordinary loss after tax of £4.8m, mainly accounted for by a £2.1m write off of goodwill and £2m of issue expenses in connexion with FFI's recent £75m loan stock issue.

Taking account of a £5.2m tax credit and £1.2m of losses attributable to outside shareholders, FFI thus emerges with a net deficit for the year of £18.2m, compared to a surplus of £4.7m the year before.

The figures relate to the year to the end of March and take relatively little account of the enlarged lending activity resulting from the reorganization of FFI at the beginning of this year. Lord Seebohm revealed, however, that loans of £125m have so far been offered to companies, of which £100m had been accepted and £21m already advanced.

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State spending outpacing inflation with 43.9 pc rise

By Tim Congdon

Government spending continued to grow rapidly last month, and expenditure on supply services, which constitute the greater part of central government spending, was £7,423m in the first quarter of the present fiscal year, according to figures released yesterday by the Treasury. This was 43.9 per cent higher than in the first quarter of the last fiscal year.

This was similar to April and May, the first two months of the fiscal year. Then supply services expenditure was 44 per cent up on the first two months of the previous fiscal year.

These rates of growth are much in excess of inflation and of the rate of pay increases in the economy generally. They emphasize the gravity of the problem the Government faces in bringing public sector finances under control.

Director repays £200,000

By Desmond Quigley

Mr Michael Buckley, a former director of Charrington, Gardner, Locket, has repaid £161,000 to the company to cover losses made in commodity dealings by a subsidiary of Dundee Perth & London Securities, of which he was chairman, while it was in the process of being taken over by Charrington in 1973.

The losses were not disclosed to the Charrington board for five months.

Mr Rowland Hall, chairman of Charrington said yesterday that Mr Buckley had repaid the company a total of £200,000. The balance of £39,000 was to cover other items such as the company car he retained when he resigned.

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Buying rush for new 'tap' stock

Heavy buying of the long-dated "tap" stock, Treasury 12¾ per cent 1995, developed in the gilt-edged market yesterday. It followed strong demand on Friday last week, the first day on which buying of the latest issue of the stock became possible.

The demand has been so heavy that many dealers expected the Government Broker to announce that the issue was exhausted, although he did not do so. The issue amounted to £500m and it would have been extremely unusual if it had been sold within three days.

Buying has been encouraged by prospects of a reduction in the rate of inflation if a statutory incomes policy comes into effect. Yields at the longer end of the gilts market are more than 14 per cent and those would be attractive if price increases could be brought down to 10 per cent within a year.

Stronger day for pound

Sterling rose strongly on the international currency markets yesterday after the news of a compromise resolution at the miners' conference, and the dropping of the demand for £100 a week for face workers in wage negotiations. The "floating devaluation" rate improved to 27.6 from 27.9 per cent on Monday. The dollar tended to soften, contributing to an 85 point rise to $2.1955 for sterling against the American currency.

French put case for conference on steel output

Our Industrial Correspondent

Appeals for an international conference, bringing together steel producers, consumers and governments, on the lines of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade were made in Paris yesterday by M Jacques Ferry, president of the French Steel Industry Federation.

He said that in the light of the industry's present crisis there was an urgent need to establish international guidelines for steel production and trade in the industry's products. He suggested that this might be along the lines envisaged for Gatt for certain farm products and raw materials.

Earlier this year, M Ferry made unsuccessful appeals to the European authorities for emergency measures to be implemented by the European Coal and Steel Community to resolve the crisis in the European steel industry, particularly French steelmakers.

Underlining the seriousness of the situation in the French industry, he said that this year would be its worst since the end of World War Two with output likely to be 20 per cent below last year's 27m tonnes output.

Investment in the industry this year was now projected at francs 3,300m (£300m) to 400m compared with earlier estimates of francs 4,000m. Next year new investment is likely to be cut to the minimum required to maintain equipment.

M Ferry also gave a warning that if there were no signs of recovery after the summer holidays a political choice would have to be made by the government in order to enable companies to survive. Either the government would have to let firms lay off workers or it would have to decide on protectionist measures.

Meanwhile, in Japan, Nippon Tokan Kaisha, joined Nippon Steel, Japan's largest steel company, in announcing price increases on steel sold on the domestic market.

£300m improvement in invisible earnings

By Melvyn Westlake

There was an increase of 25 per cent last year in the private sector's surplus on its overseas invisible trade, slightly exceeding a 24.8 per cent jump in the public sector invisible deficit.

According to the annual report of the Committee on Invisible Earnings, published yesterday, the private sector surplus increased from £2,177m in 1973 to a record £2,723m in 1974, while the public sector deficit increased from £989m to a peak £1,235m. The combined (private and public) net surplus rose from £1,188m to £1,488m, a £300m increase.

By far the largest contribution to the private sector invisible surplus came in the form of interest, profits and dividends remitted from abroad, amounting to £1,613m in 1974. A significant part of this figure is attributable to the British oil industry.

Detailed information of invisible earnings by industry is only available up to 1973, but this shows that the City of London's direct contribution to the private invisible surplus has begun to fall sharply, accounting for £704m in 1973, or about one-third of the total, compared with £701m or 48 per cent of the 1972 total.

Tourism and shipping were also big contributors to the total invisible trade surplus. Of the City of London's contribution, insurance accounted for over half, with banking, merchanting and brokerage accounting for much of the balance.

Britain's total share of world invisible trade is shown again to have fallen slightly. The international figures are only available up to 1972, but they indicate that the proportion of such trade enjoyed by Britain slipped from 11.5 per cent in 1971 to 11.2 per cent in 1972.

The United States share of invisible receipts has also fallen, from 22.4 per cent to 21.9 per cent, while Japan's share has risen from 3.9 per cent to 4.5 per cent.

West Germany, Italy and France are shown to have maintained their proportions of total invisible trade at 7.7 per cent, 6.1 per cent and 7 per cent respectively.

Sir Cyril Kleinwort, chairman of the Committee on Invisible Exports, envisages, on the basis of a recent survey, that net overseas earnings of the service industries overall will grow by about 10 per cent this year, despite the world-wide recession.

Myson pulls out of battle for Sealed Motor

By Our Financial Staff

An eight-week takeover battle for control of Sealed Motor Construction, the Bridgwater-based company which holds a dominant position in the British market for central heating pumps, is almost over.

Yesterday Myson said its offer would lapse, leaving the way clear for Adwest, the other bidder, whose £2.4m offer has the backing of the SMC board.

But Myson, a heating and ventilating specialist, said it was acquiring the British business of the American Sundstrand Corporation, a maker of water circulating pumps and a competitor of SMC.

About 80 per cent of Sundstrand (UK) production is exported, but Myson intends to expand British sales and marketing.

The deal with Sundstrand is subject to contract. A Myson spokesman said yesterday: "We are paying substantially less than we offered for SMC for a company we believe has great potential."

How the markets moved

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Rises

Beecham Grp	7p to 291p	Hanson Trst	10p to 170p
Brit Am Tob	11p to 322p	Imp Chem Ind	7p to 270p
BP	16p to 535p	Imperial Grp	2½p to 68½p
Distillers	2½p to 146½p	Royal	8p to 286p
Fisons	15p to 375p	Sun Alliance	16p to 403p
Glaxo Hldgs	10p to 355p	Teacher	16p to 221p
GKN	8p to 240p	Vickers	6p to 137p

Falls

BB South	7p to 168p	Rotaflex	1p to 13½p
Bk of NSW	15p to 620p	Robb Caledon	3p to 30p
Broken Hill	20p to 725p	Sealed Motor	3p to 40p
Ingram, H.	2p to 26p	Tecalemit	2p to 28p
Kinross	5p to 735p	UK Props	1p to 11p
Marling Ind	1p to 15p	Western Areas	5p to 595p
Moss Bros	3p to 25p	Winsor Newton	5p to 128p

Equities moved up on bear-closing. Gilt-edged securities were sharply higher.
Sterling rose by 85 points to $2.1955. The "effective devaluation" rate was 27.6 per cent.
Gold rose by $2 to $165.00 an oz.
SDR-$ was 1.22517 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.561001.
Commodities: Cocoa and sugar futures moved ahead yesterday. Reuters' commodity index closed at 1,083.5 (1,077.2 on Monday).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.71	1.66
Austria Sch	38.25	36.25
Belgium Fr	84.25	81.50
Canada $	2.295	2.245
Denmark Kr	12.55	12.15
Finland Mkk	8.05	7.80
France Fr	9.20	8.90
Germany DM	5.40	5.20
Greece Dr	67.00	64.75
Hongkong $	11.05	10.65
Italy Lr	1435.00	1385.00
Japan Yn	670.00	645.00
Netherlands Gld	5.60	5.40
Norway Kr	11.30	10.95
Portugal Esc	55.00	53.00
S Africa Rd	1.92	1.83
Spain Pes	125.50	120.50
Sweden Kr	9.00	8.70
Switzerland Fr	5.70	5.50
US $	2.235	2.185
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.50	35.75

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Mitsubishi acts over ship orders slump

By Peter Hill

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, one of Japan's largest shipbuilding groups, has halted recruitment and banned overtime because of the slump in demand for large oil tankers, which for years have formed the base of its order book.

While it is not planning any lay-offs for at least 18 months because orders will keep the yards at Nagasaki busy for two and a half years, the company is studying the possibility of transferring shipyard workers *to other divisions* within the company.

Senior executives of Mitsubishi quoted by agency reports from Japan yesterday, believe that the slump in the tanker market will last for a long time.

They emphasized that they are seeking to *diversify* production into smaller ships of all types and oil rigs, which could be built at "very competitive prices".

According to officials the Mitsubishi yards at Nagasaki are working at 20 per cent below their normal levels.

The company is supporting pleas by the Japanese shipbuilding industry for the government to give financial support so that the yards can weather the recession.

Further evidence of the worsening situation in the tanker market came in reports yesterday from Singapore. According to port officials there five tankers, including the British-operated liquefied petroleum gas carrier, Norman Lady, are to be laid up in the port.

A port authority spokesman said the owners and operators of eight other very large crude carriers had applied to lay up their vessels at Singapore.

Labour disputes blamed for fall of one-third in UK car production

By Edward Townsend

The dramatic fall in output in United Kingdom car factories, caused chiefly by labour troubles, continued last month. Official figures published yesterday show that production was down by more than a third on June last year.

Estimated output at 109,000 was well above the depressed May figure—the worst for 13 years—but still compares unfavourably with the 166,000 cars manufactured 12 months before.

Production of commercial vehicles also suffered. An estimated 35,000 units were produced, a weekly average of 7,000, which was 15 per cent down on June of last year.

Yesterday's figures, issued by the Department of Industry, show that output of cars in the second quarter, taking seasonal factors into consideration, was 25 per cent down on the first quarter as a result of lower demand and industrial disputes.

New car sales in June, according to department returns, were 93,000 against 99,000 in May and 93,200 in April, but on a seasonally-adjusted basis show little change. There was a 15 per cent drop in second-quarter registrations

The worst-affected company last month was Chrysler, which suffered badly from the big strike at its Stoke engines and transmissions plant in Coventry and another at its nearby plastics components plant. Chrysler's share of the United Kingdom market fell as a result to 4.7 per cent.

Figures out later this week are expected to show that Chrysler sold just over 4,700 cars in Britain last month, but output has picked up well since the end of the strikes and has now reached more normal levels. The disputes caused the company to lose production of more than 9,000 cars.

Key strike decision tomorrow at Leyland

By R. W Shakespeare

About 800 workers from a key British Leyland components plant, whose two-week strike over demands for a £10 a week interim pay settlement has already made about 11,000 workers idle, and cost lost production of cars worth about £12.5m, will be meeting tomorrow to decide on their next moves.

It will be their last opportunity to vote before their plant closes at the weekend for the summer holidays. Most of the car assembly plants being disrupted shut down for holidays a week later.

This means that unless the strike is called off, British Leyland faces the prospect of no more production in several of its chief centres for at least the next three weeks.

The men on strike, from a British Leyland subsidiary at Hemel Hempstead, claim that their earnings have fallen behind those in other plants.

They are demanding the extra £10 a week at once, although their wage agreement, which brought them pay rises of about 20 *per cent last year*, does not run out until the end of September.

The stoppage has led to a standstill on assembly lines in Coventry, Liverpool, Oxford and Basildon, which produce all Triumph cars except the 2000 range, the Austin 18/22 range, Jaguars and MG Midgets.

Lay-offs include 2,500 workers at Jaguar Coventry, more than 4,500 Triumph workers at Coventry and Liverpool, about 1,300 Austin workers at Cowley and about 140 at the Abingdon MG plant. Other groups of workers have also been laid off

Up to last night British Leyland had lost production of about 3,500 Triumph cars, 900 Jaguars, 700 18/22 cars and 160 MGs.

British Leyland is resisting the pay demands, because the strike is unofficial

Air travel levy plan to protect holiday makers

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Licensed air travel organizers will have to make contributions to the Air Travel Reserve Fund, which provides increased protection for holidaymakers going abroad by air, under draft regulations just published.

For the period September 1 this year to April 1, 1976, organizers must contribute to *the fund a sum equal to one per* cent of their turnover during that period as a condition of holding a licence. From April 1, the contributions will increase to two per cent of turnover.

The Department of Trade said that it would be up to each travel organizer to decide whether to pass on to the customer any of his contributions as part of the cost of the holiday.

The fund was set up by the Government as a second line of defence, after organizers' individual bonding arrangements, against losses to holidaymakers arising from a company through which they have booked going out of business.

Birds Eye profits halved in two years by price controls

By Hugh Clayton

Price controls had halved the profit margins of Birds Eye Foods in the past two years and had reduced them to a third of their proper level, Mr Kenneth Webb, chairman of the company, said yesterday.

"We are planning to restructure much of our manufacturing and distribution facilities over *the next five years at an average* annual cost of £6m", he said at the company's annual review in London. "To spend this sort of money we need to be able to make appropriate profit margins."

He added that the company, the largest processor of frozen food in the country, needed £40m of working capital a year to stay in business. "Although *we want to invest and develop*, our confidence in the future has inevitably been blunted by the uncertain state of the economy since 1969/70. That's five years or more of uncertainty, and it's quite taken the shine off business effort."

The fuel bill of Birds Eye had risen by 35 per cent in the past 12 months and labour costs by 28 per cent. Yet the food industry was still saddled with price controls and "the cost of the attendant bureaucracy — and what a fantastic cost that is".

Gas service complaints up

By Roger Vielvoye

Complaints about the sales and servicing of gas appliances to regional gas consumer councils increased by 30 per cent last year, and now account for 40 per cent of the representations made to these bodies.

Defective new gas appliances and the sluggish supply of spare parts account for a high proportion of these complaints. Baroness Macleod of Borve, chairman of the National Gas Consumers Council, said at the publication of the organization's annual report yesterday.

Italian ministers look at ways to boost economy

From John Earle
Rome, July 8

Signor Aldo Moro, the Italian Prime Minister, today held a meeting of ministers to discuss the country's growing difficulties and measures to prevent the recession becoming a slump.

Signor Emilio Colombo, the Treasury Minister, said later that the meeting surveyed what had been done in the last six months and what measures still needed to be approved by parliament before the summer recess. He said moves were pending in the promotion of exports, mechanization of agriculture, building and public works, but gave no details.

The ministers agreed that Signor Ugo la Malfa, Deputy Prime Minister and Republican Party leader, would draw up a document on the present situation of the anti-recession policy, which would then be discussed by the parties supporting the government.

Signor Colombo spoke in less alarmist tones than some sectors of the press which have been suggesting that an emergency package for the economy is in the offing. The public has been shocked by statistics that industrial production in May was 18.7 per cent less than 12 months earlier, and that unemployment was over the 1 million mark.

Official unemployment figures always tend to be over-modest, and opposition politicians have maintained that the level is nearer 1.5 million.

The effect of these adverse figures has been greater because they followed weeks of official optimism after the improvement in the balance of payments and a slowdown in inflation.

Signor la Malfa expressed his own pessimism in a message today to the Republican Party. It was wrong to think that the situation was the sole responsibility of the government, because it needed the maximum attention of parliament, organizations of employers and unions, local authorities and politicians.

Unless all these forces pulled together, Signor la Malfa said: "It will be impossible to overcome the crisis, indeed one can fear its relentless aggravation."

Repercussions of the crisis at the regional level were illustrated by Signor Carlo de Benedetti, president of the Turin Industrialists Association, who said productive capacity in the industrial region of Piedmont was "blocked and in the process of deteriorating".

Industry, he said, was condemned to live on a day-to-day basis, in the absence of any official planning.

OECD nations *forecast upturn*

Geneva, July 8.—Mr Emile van Lennep, Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, today forecast the start of an economic upturn, though *not initially a steep one, in the* near future.

He told the United Nations economic and social council that in the first half of next year, the 24-nation OECD area as a whole should have an annual growth rate of about 4 per cent in real terms. This compared with a minus 3.5 per cent rate in the first half of this year

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Civil servants' double standard on pay

From Professor D. A. Bullough

Sir, Mr Woof's justifiably pained comparison of the massive improvement in civil servant's pay over 3½ inflationary years with the shabby treatment accorded to himself and his fellow APs—from which, whatever the country's difficulties, I as a citizen derive no satisfaction—has a relevance also to Professor Bell's letter in the *same columns commenting on* the housing costs of young lecturers as a proportion of their salaries.

University teachers' recent request for an adjustment in their salaries which would have raised their increase in the same period from 15/20 per cent (according to grade) to a mere 35/40 per cent, and therefore still less than the rise in the cost of living, was successfully opposed by senior officials of the relevant departments, secure in a 70 per cent plus increase (and a non-contributory pension scheme!) on the grounds that it was inflationary and a breach of the grotesquely *named "Social Contract"*.

Am I alone in finding this difficult to reconcile with the traditional objectivity and integrity of the administrative grades of the Civil Service?

Incidentally, my younger colleagues here would be delighte if they could find famil housing for an outlay of as litt as £10 per week. On a hou of Parker-Morris standard, th amount which has to be foun for interest charges *after* th deduction of tax (which it now becoming customary describe as a subsidy to th owner-occupier) and rates alo is almost never less than £7 per annum, and for many ir considerably more (capital payment is, of course, addition to this).

Yours faithfully,
D. A. BULLOUGH,
St Andrew's University,

Unwarranted criticism of Rent Act

From Mr David Whibley

Sir, There has been considerable adverse comment on the *1974 Rent Act in your recent* correspondence columns. Most of this comment I find difficult to understand, but I am particularly nonplussed by the letter from Mr R. D. O'Driscoll

Mr O'Driscoll describes himself as a solicitor who could not advise a client to let his property unless there was absolutely no alternative. I, too, am a solicitor and I would like your space to refute the charges which Mr O'Driscoll makes against the 1974 Act.

The 1974 Rent Act extended the security of tenure and rent control provisions of earlier legislation relating only to unfurnished tenancies, to furnished tenancies. Mr O'Driscoll concedes that this abolished the "rather artificial" distinction *between furnished* and unfurnished tenancies. He objects to the principles of security of tenure and rent control, and not to their mere extension to furnished tenancies. He is, effectively, objecting to the plugging of a gap in the legislation.

With regard to the security of tenure aspect, it should be made clear to your readers that there are wide grounds for possession in the legislation, and given that a landlord can establish one of these, the court's discretion as to enforcement is minimal. If the landlord "suffers" by not recovering possession, it is invariably because the tenant is in a far worse position.

Mr O'Driscoll complains that the *chances of the landlord* recovering the legal costs of proceedings for possession "are virtually negligible". Even accepting that this is the position, this is surely a fault in the administration of justice and not a fault in the legislation.

Mr O'Driscoll's principal complaint, and one suspects that this is the fundamental objection to the Rent Acts of all landlords and their advisers, is that "fair rent" does not mean "fair rent" but something else.

Without devoting too much space to the machinery established by Parliament for the assessment of fair rents, it is worthwhile pointing out that *rent officers have considerable* experience in valuing and related fields, and that the legislation directs them to take into account certain factors, while excluding others. Moreover, rent assessment committees, to which an appeal lies against the rent officer's decision are invariably composed of one lawyer, one valuer and one lay chairman.

The objection, of course, is that Parliament directs that scarcity value, or "market factors" as Mr O'Driscoll calls it, shall be ignored when assessing a fair rent. This direction denies landlords the opportunity to exploit the shortage of housing in our country. It runs contrary to the doctrine of laissez faire in so far as it *maintains at a reasonable level*, rents which would otherwise spiral as supply decreases.

Of course, where no fair rent is registered for a property these "market factors" will have been in operation. A prospective tenant will find that in order to obtain a roof over his head, he will have to put his signature to an agreement which if he were in an equal bargaining position, he would never subscribe to.

It is difficult to see why a *man who signs an agreement*, which he would not otherwise have signed, because there is a gun at his head, is in any different position from the prospective tenant faced with the alternative of agreeing to a rent he cannot afford or walking the streets. Parliament, fortunately, has recognized this difficulty in including rent control provisions in the R Acts.

Of course the legislation overridden "the sanctity contract". Of course it is "tutory interference". But our modern society, where market economy exercises power, the concept of sanc of contract is dying, if dead. One wonders wheth ipso facto, Mr O'Driscoll wo say that "difficulties" caused to this "country":—

First, by legislation whi more than eighty years a introduced into "contr freely and honourably mad implied terms which are *virtually inalienable*, to pro consumers in sale of go transactions;

Second, by the 1974 Cons er Credit Act which inter ensures "truth in lendi and imposes strict supervis of the credit industry;

Third, by the legisla which established the Mon olies and Mergers Commiss and the Restrictive Trade Pr tices legislation.

The writer respectfully gests that all such measu *including the Rent Acts*, essential in order that s degree of fairness be m tained in a market econo where there is so often grossly unequal bargaining uation.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WHIBLEY,
16 Morgan Road,
Bromley, Kent.

Rank and file

From Mr C. F. Riley

Sir, I should like to comm on the letter from Sir Norn Price. How does one compl about officers of his departm when they will not give th name or rank?

Yours faithfully,
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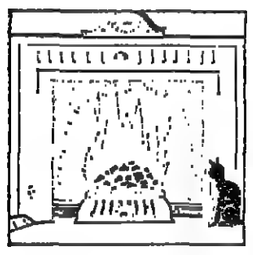
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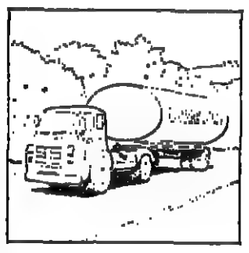
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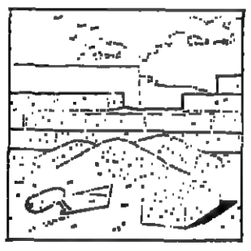
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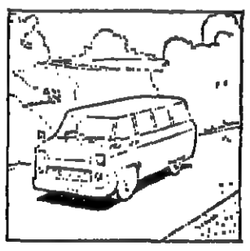
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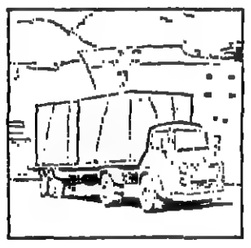
Transport, Warehousing & Shipping £11 million

Sheep Farming £2 million

Property & Finance £0.2 million

THE CHARRINGTON GARDNER LOCKET STORY
(or how diversity brings higher turnover)

Salient points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Rowland C. Hall:–

General Our profits for the final quarter were higher than those for the whole of the previous nine months. The trading results for our continuing activities showed an improvement on the previous year. We are recommending a final ordinary dividend of 1.9p, an increase for the eighth successive year.

The high level of inflation led to an increase in Group borrowings, but we have adequate facilities for our coming needs and stringent controls are being exercised to reduce interest costs.

Solid Fuel Despite yet another mild winter the rate of net profit has been maintained. Close co-operation exists between ourselves, the National Coal Board, private producers and British Rail. Prospects depend upon next winter's weather and continuity of supplies.

Fuel Oil Substantial increase in turnover was caused by the dramatic rise in world prices. Our distribution system, together with loyal customers and a world-wide adjustment to the oil prices enables us to face a daunting future with confidence.

Builder's Merchanting Ruymp Ltd. produced their second highest profits ever and with our modern warehouses and expertise we are well placed to take full advantage of the inevitable upsurge in the building trade.

Vehicles Despite some improvement in the final quarter this division, in common with the motor industry, had a disappointing year.

Transport, Warehousing and Shipping An appreciable increase in profits was achieved by this division with acquisitions of previous years now fully integrated.

Sheep Farming As a result of successful forward trading in wool the Falkland Islands Company had a very profitable year. But the outlook for the current year is far from encouraging owing to a fall of more than 50% in wool prices.

The Future The Group is in good shape, both materially and in terms of personnel, and well placed to take advantage of any improvement in the economic climate.

	1975 £'000	1974 £'000
Sales to external customers	136,543	110,831
Profit before tax	2,989	3,497
Profit after tax	1,435	1,653
Dividends per share		
Interim	0.7p	0.7p
Proposed Final	1.9p	1.811p
Earnings per share	3.83p	4.41p
Number of Employees	5,787	6,394

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Last year was another good one for Pauls and Whites. Our turnover increased by 22% and pre-tax profits were up by 14%. And all this in the face of extremely adverse conditions.

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For Pauls and Whites are closely involved in the process of bringing better food and drink to your table.

As one of the major animal feed producers in the UK, conditions in the farming industry are of obvious significance to us. 1974 was a bad year for livestock farmers, who had to cope with substantial cost increases and low prices for their products. Our raw materials bill for animal feeds rose dramatically – indeed this largely accounted for the increase in our turnover – *and national* demand for animal feeds declined.

At the same time, as Europe's second largest maltster we were able to take full advantage of the technical improvements we have made in our maltings in recent years, and this side of the business had a good year.

All in all, behind our financial results there lies a substantial contribution towards keeping Britain in food and drink.

	1975 £000	1974 £000
Turnover	90,084	73,641
Net profit before tax	2,809	2,468
Net profit after tax	1,271	1,312
Dividends	549	476
Earnings per share	7.08p	7.59p

If you would like the detailed story of how we did last year, write for a copy of our report and accounts to The Secretary, Pauls and Whites Ltd., Key Street, Ipswich, Suffolk.

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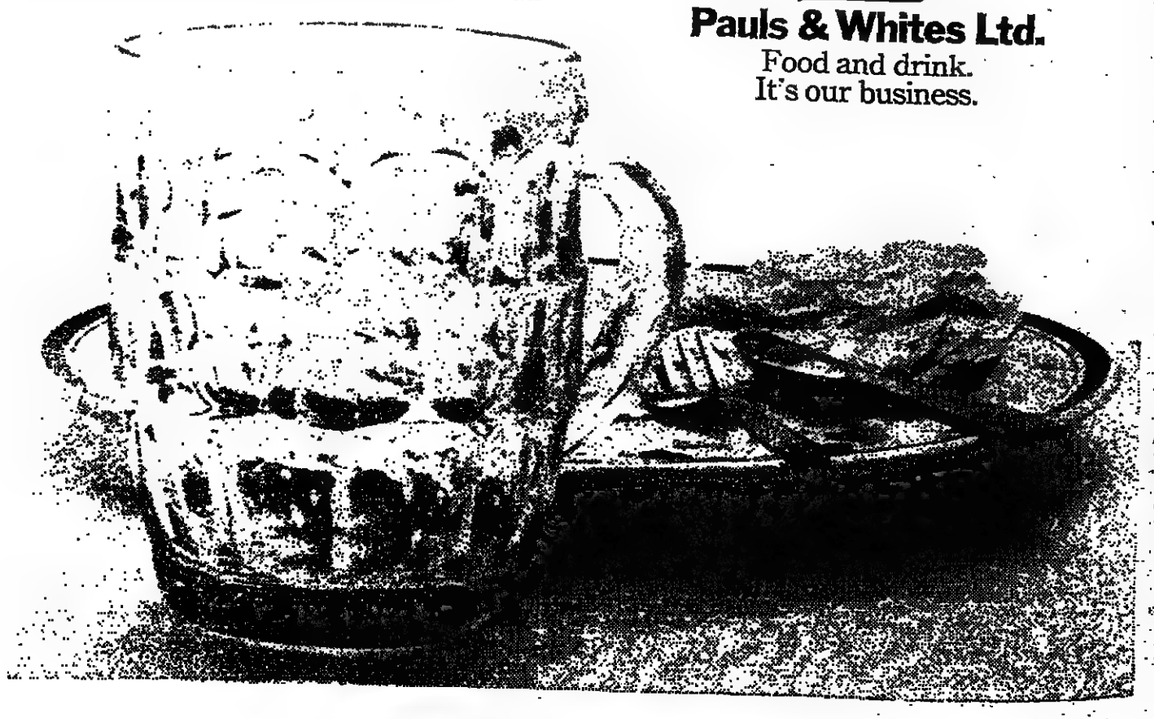

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Borrowing trends and capital investment

nce for Industry is still ing 10-year money at 15 cent against which a clear- ank will lend on overdraft blue chip company at more 10½ or 11 per cent. The epancy between short and rates is an unusually large and yet the blue chips are buing to line up at FFI's despite its present refusal ut up more than half of loan on a floating rate

eanwhile, although the de- in lending signalled erday by the clearing banks be an exaggeration of the position, it is plain that and for short-term loans by corporate sector remains from buoyant.

may be tempting to con- le therefore that industry understands the point ed by Lord Seebohm, FFI's rman, in his annual state- it where he argues that 15 cent is a negative rate in sent inflationary conditions that, calculated as a cash , the actual cost will be far ner if expansion plans are arred for a year or so in the e of lower rates.

Iore realistically, however, goes on to comment that if s continue at present levels estment will undoubtedly be d back. One might question ether or not interest rate als will be the key factor in holding back which is al- dy widely taking place. But n at the present subdued el what can hardly be doub- is that there remains a de- nd for long-term finance ich cannot be supplied by banks satisfactorily and for ich equity provides no sub- tute.

As long as 2 per cent stamp ty continues to keep the loan ock market quiescent the ility to fill this gap should ntinue to justify FFI's re- mped existence.

Lord Seebohm, chairman of Finance for Industry "15 per cent is a negative rate of interest".

through the recession. Where the United Kingdom construction industry goes from here is an open question and exporting cement is not really a practical proposition. However, the shares have attractions even in this period of under-capacity working.

Accounts: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £10.6m
Net assets £28.6m (£27.6m)
Net cash £2.0m (£2.9m)
Pre-tax profit £4.12m (£4.60m)
Earnings per share 17.9p (19.3p)

There were, in addition, associate companies to the value of £4.2m, and the bulk of the rise there from £1.3m in the preceding year relates to the 1974 purchase of a 29.35 per cent stake in J. W. Cameron, the north-eastern brewer.

Given the recovery in the market since end-December and the fact that the group is "currently quite fully invested in equities", the implication is that somewhere around half of its assets are deployed in the non-shipping busines. The contribution to profits is by no means of the same magnitude yet, although last year's £8.3m contribution to trading profits from Ellerman City Liners owed a lot to boom conditions in the shipping market.

This time round "we cannot be optimistic that 1975 will be as successful", although the group is looking for £4m pre-tax in the first half of the year. Significantly, Ellerman is continuing to invest in shipping, although with the emphasis on new types of ships to counteract the cargo cycle.

Taken in conjunction with the other capital spending plans this suggests that the change in the emphasis of portfolio investment management so that it is now regarded "as an alternative source of funds for the group's main trading activities" could mean that the group is prepared to dismember its portfolios.

But the strong cash flow, negligible tax charge and large cash balances—which the directors are well aware are losing value hand over fist—suggest that their development into an alternative profit centre on the British & Commonwealth model is a much more likely interpretation.

Accounts 1974 (1973)
Net assets £48.39m (£45.56m)
Net cash £3.67m (£1.55m)
Pre-tax profit £9.15m (£5.95m)
Earnings per share 87p (63p)
*Net credit

unnel Holdings

Heads own

ter a 7p rise in the "B" dinary share price to 120p sterday, Tunnel remains pitalized at little over one rd of net asset value, and share price compares with ick assets alone (which clude net cash holdings) of 0p a share.

But any speculative possibili- s this raises must, of course, qualified by the fact that os W. Ward has 26.6 of nnel's equity (29.9 per cent the votes) and Ward's own etched balance sheet hardly ggests it is likely to consoli- te that holding. Disinvest- nt to any other interested rty might be a possibility ough.

Meanwhile, a 10½ per cent ld and an historic p/e ratio 6½ suggest that the market ght be underrating Tunnel's ding prospects this year. ere is, of course, a world nent surplus but share prices e not evenly discounting that. Associated Portland Cement's latively higher rating shows. Tunnel's margins last year ffered more than APC's from e temporary suspension of e Common Price Agreement. a free market Tunnel plied higher prices than com- titors to cover its heavier liance on costly oil, and ereby lost market share. storation of the CPA has minated further undercutting w

Margins then, even if con- uing under industry-wide ssure, could recover enough give maintained earnings s year, particularly after nned further rationalization plant and personnel. Mean- ile the good liquidity posi- n (admittedly after shelving pansion) should mean that nnel can keep its head down

Ellerman Lines

An alternative source of funds

To go by the balance sheet it is now anachronistic to think of Ellerman Lines in terms of a private shipping empire. At the end of 1974 total capital employed was £72.4m, and that took in £16.8m in cash (as against £13.5m at the end of the preceding year), £2.25m in short-term quoted investments; £6.16m in long-term loans; £7.86m in long-term quoted investments at market values, and another £983,000 in unquoted securities.

Western Trust & Savings, whose parent, the Plymouth-based Western Credit banking group was absorbed by its major shareholders, Philadelphia National Bank and Arbuthnot Latham at an early stage in the secondary bank crisis last year, has come up with a novel method of attracting deposits from the public. Depositors lodging between £500 and £10,000 for two or three years get the bonus of free life insurance, equal to the amount deposited, and accident insurance, equal to twice the amount on deposit. Up to 10 per cent of the deposit can be withdrawn in any year and up to threequarters of the balance can be made available in overdraft form.

It is heartening to see any measures that help to bring in medium-term funds to institutions which have enjoyed less than free access to bank money, but would-be depositors ought to be aware that the 10½ per cent rate of interest offered by WT & S measures against rates of 12 per cent or more from some local authorities for deposits of similar maturity. Depositors should ask themselves whether the insurance benefits are sufficient compensation to justify forgoing the better return and the greater security offered by local authorities.

Southerns-Evans

The worst may be over

Southerns-Evans, like Bambergers, has come out of a difficult year for the timber importers and merchants with its balance sheet in remarkably good trim. If profits are well down they still provide formidably high cover for the dividend ahead of a year in which trading conditions, if not buoyant, should be much easier.

As the sudden downturn in the construction industry knocked the feet from under the more heavily stocked members of the timber trade last year, there was a certain amount of unloading which disrupted an already depressed market. Southerns-Evans, as the sales figure indicates, suffered. The group reckons that the worst of the destocking is now over and if it will be a while before there is much restocking—partly because purchasers are waiting on firmer timber prices before they start buying—this year's conditions should at least be stable.

Meanwhile, stocks have been brought back from over £11m to under £8m, after some write-downs, and overdrafts of £3.25m have been transformed into cash credits of £2.5m. The full benefit of Mr Healey's tax concessions comes in the current year, leaving the group favourably placed to finance the next upturn. At 70p, Southerns-Evans shares yield 5.8 per cent, and are worth bearing in mind for the autumn.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £9.73m
Sales £49.37m (£55.86m)
Pre-tax profits £4.65m (£7.08m)
Earnings per share 16.23p (23.53p)
Dividend gross 4.05p (3.7p)

Maurice Corina

Pay questions to which Mr Healey's White Paper must give a crystal clear answer

The chairmen and senior directors of about a hundred of Britain's biggest enterprises *will gather this morning* at 21, Tothill Street, Westminster. Later many of them are due to attend the meeting of the governing council of the Confederation of British Industry. The council's policy decisions will guide what *the CBI's leaders* have to say when they call at the Treasury at about 7 pm.

At the Treasury, the Chancellor, a draft White Paper in his back pocket, *will be listening* to both the employers' team and also the TUC's own deputation before advising the Cabinet on whether to accept a statutory wages policy.

Six days have passed since the Chancellor's sudden statement *on wage inflation, putting* a deadline on joint TUC-CBI talks on pay and prices. During this time the main body of employers have heard only that statement and some reporting of various meetings behind closed doors. If CBI *leaders* have misjudged anything, then they will certainly hear about it today when it is the members' turn to speak out as the men who meet the wage bills, take investment decisions and find the work necessary to make profits for corporate survival.

Businessmen are realists. Few are expecting anything other than that the Government will itself define a wage, *policy to bring down the level* of future settlements. This they will welcome, but *employers will not thank their* leaders if, by acquiescence or playing politics, they allow the Chancellor to place the ultimate responsibility for standing firm solely on boards of directors, subject to legal sanctions.

The TUC does not have any ultimate power to control its constituent unions. Indeed, a government rejection of any TUC anti-inflation package based on a flat-rate increase of £6 for everyone earning less than £7,000 a year would relieve even the most loyal unions of implicit obligations to hold the line. For the task of *implementing the Government's* statutory alternative, whatever the terms, would pass to employers, who could not rely on total TUC commitment and who could not be reassured that there would be no unofficial strikes as normal collective bargaining and arbitration was once again constrained.

Further, the employer, with his squeezed profits and falling order books, will apparently be faced with new interference in the price mechanism. If the Chancellor's statement is any guide, the already complicated and rigid price code will be further amended. Within Whitehall the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, which has no experience on wage issues, and its Price *Commission must start cutting* across the Department of Employment, which knows more than others about unions, whether cooperating with governments or not.

Assuming that the TUC (whose members can sign anything but not guarantee observance by autonomous unions) fails to impress the Chancellor with hurriedly prepared proposals, the employers, who are also autonomous and guided by individual priorities, will require a White Paper written *in plain, simple English*, which they can interpret without too great a risk of significant deviation. That was the greatest lesson learned by the now disbanded Pay Board, which exactly a year ago as a last act set out its experience in a *Crown document that was* totally ignored in the post-miners rush to jack up wages.

The fact is that a 10 per cent limit, or a flat rate cash sum, will need to be clearly defined. Grievances flourish if anyone seems to steal a march on another or special pleading is allowed.

A large number of workers, for example, have already accepted pay awards which include a deferred element. Will these be allowed? Or are they to be principal settlements, counting against the new pay limit?

Those who are in this situation include workers at Ford, Vauxhall and Swan Hunter and *in general engineering*, textiles, hosiery and car repairing.

Large numbers of workers have wage agreements including some form of indexation or threshold clause. Examples are busmen, steelworkers, carpet makers, bank staff, tobacco employees and oil workers. Employers will want guidance on what are principal settlements, *bonuses, special payments* for productivity gains and son on. How do they deal with staff who are promoted and qualify for extra pay for added responsibility? What does the exporter do when he needs to attract labour in a particular area?

These and many other questions have to be covered by the forthcoming White Paper or any scheme put up from the TUC. To ignore them does not remove them.

Then there is the question of policing the next pay round. If the Price Commission takes on new responsibilities for the private sector through penal clauses under its code, will it have guidance on arbitration awards above 10 per cent (or whatever), differential erosion, *cuts in hours or longer holidays*, equal pay, and seasonal pay adjustments, job description changes, fringe benefits and so on? Can it act against banks and other financial institutions, where the price code provisions do not fully prevail?

Above all, policing wage settlements in this way, even with the best guidelines, has one serious flaw. Action against employers will take place after the offence, whereas the Pay Board had a vetting role. Prevention is just as vital in police activity as detection.

No doubt employers will be pointing this out today. Perhaps the Chancellor may yet be forced to undertake a more drastic revision of the Price Commission so that pay claims are monitored at an early stage and "rogue" workers are identified before public opinion.

A Middle East threat to natural gas prices

Roger Vielvoye discusses Opec moves which could affect the expansion of exports from the Gulf

A drive at night along the desert *road from the Saudi* Arabian capital Riyadh to the *oil town of* Dhahran on the Gulf provides one of the most spectacular sights in the Middle East. A sheet of flame half a mile long and several hundred feet high rises out of the desert, illuminating the sky *and outlining numerous oil* producing installations on the horizon.

The flares continue night and day, fueled by the natural *gas produced in association* gas produced in association with oil. Each of these flares, and there are many visible from the roadside, wastes sufficient *gas to provide heating and hot* water, as well as energy, for industry in a town the size of Coventry.

The Saudis are working on an *ambitious project to collect* the surplus gas from the oilfields and build a pipeline to the Red Sea coast where the gas would provide the feedstock for a petrochemical complex.

Across the Gulf Iran, too, has a number of schemes for reducing the wasteful burning of "associated gas", as it is known. These include a complex tripartite deal with the Russians and the West Germans to expand European gas supplies, and schemes for liquefying the gas and shipping it by tanker to Japan.

Transporting gas over long distances has become feasible only during the last 10 years. Unfortunately most of the main oilfields in the Middle East were established before long-distance piping through almost any natural conditions and the liquefaction of gas for movement by tankers reached their present state of development.

Small amounts of gas can be reinjected into the oil reservoir, but over a long period reinjection of large quantities can cause damage and affect oil production. As a result the oil companies have flared off the surplus gas.

The worldwide market for gas is almost unlimited. The United States policy of main*taining low domestic prices has* discouraged exploration for new fields with the result that present known reserves can probably last only another 12 years or so.

Japan, plagued with environmental problems, wants all the pollution-free natural gas it can lay its hand on. The discovery of the huge reserves in Holland and the North Sea has given Europe a taste for gas that it is now difficult to satisfy.

In these prevailing world conditions some experts were surprised by last month's decision of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to draw up a system for coordinating gas prices "in *such a manner as to be in line* with Opec oil pricing policy, taking into account the premium attributable to natural gas due to its specific advantages".

On the surface it appears a fairly uncontroversial move and something that will take many months to complete. Opec experts have already started work at the Vienna headquarters and are expected *to bring in several outside con*sultants to help them in the work.

Opec watchers are, however, worried by the language of the *resolution setting up the gas* pricing coordination group. The term "coordination" has been used in the past to disguise oil price rises through complicated revisions of an already complex oil price structure. Opec experts have on a number of occasions pointed out that natural gas is underpriced compared with oil because of those "specific advantages" of high energy value and pollution-free burning.

If direct comparisons with oil are to be the yardstick for the coordination big increases can be expected in all export prices. However, if the experts interpret their brief as coordi*nation of prices within the* present widely ranging individual export contracts, increases in many areas would be negligible, though a few of the contracts written during the 1960s, in an earlier era of gas trading, would need sizable price increases.

Opec's experts are well aware that they are dealing with a completely different situation from that of oil. Because of the difficulties in transporting the fuel, a gasfield is usually tied to a specific market. A pipeline built from the field to a market makes it almost impossible for a producer to switch to a new customer at higher prices without large capital expenditure and long delays. Similarly the consumer would find it difficult to find a new supplier in an emergency.

Liquefaction of gas and transportation by tanker give a little *more flexibility, but not* on the scale of crude oil trading, where supplies can be diverted to almost any part of the world at a moment's notice.

Experts in the consuming countries have been surprised that Opec has made the deci*sion to attempt price coordi*nation at a time when its members could be on the verge of increasing the penetration of gas in world markets. Opec control of prices at this stage could force potential customers to think again about adapting their energy economy mix to incorporate a fuel that could be subject to the same pressures as oil.

They also point out that Opec controls less than one third of the world's gas reserves and with non-member countries like Holland, Norway and the Soviet Union all large *forces in the export business* the oil producers could not hope to dominate the market in the same way they do with oil.

The results of the Opec deliberations will be watched with interest by these countries. Non-Opec oil producers have been quick to bring their prices into line with the higher levels and there is no reason to believe that this would not happen in the gas business.

Amid all the uncertainty over international prices, the United Kingdom is virtually unaffected. The British Gas Corporation's monopoly purchasing power for gas found in British territory to a large extent isolates its negotiations *for new supplies from condi*tions prevailing in other parts of the world.

Gas being burnt off in the Persian Gulf: various projects are under way for marketing this energy source.

Business Diary: Birds Eye capers • Wall Street's concern

nneth Webb, chairman of ds Eye Foods Ltd, found him- f in the soup yesterday at the esentation of the company's nual review of food industry spects.

t is the custom of the frozen d company to choose a theme this occasion. Last year en the company's latest pro- cts included mint chocolate cream and blackcurrant eesecake, *Birds Eye chose* the rd world.

This year, however, the com- ny's fancy was rather taken a remark of Mrs Thatcher— self an authority on storing d—about its being time to get yesterday's men and to nember tomorrow's women. cordingly, Webb was on hand *the plush wastes of London's* ercontinental Hotel yesterday launch a presentation centred on a glossy booklet entitled *morrow's Women*.

These females, according to ds Eye, are those aged be- een 15 and 35 and the booklet cusses their attitudes to food, rk, home and happiness.

Webb looked on as the com- re Susanne Hall (from that numentally trivial BBC-TV gramme *Nationwide*) jibbed that part of her script which oined her to say: "Birds-Eye been living with the women tomorrow since the day ore yesterday."

Miss Hall went on in that *h Nationwide manner to tease* tistics out of market re- rcher Elizabeth Nelson, who d younger women were more stile than their mothers to *siness and more sceptical* of motives, thought the standard goods and service was declin- and doubted the ability of private business to discipline itself.

Webb then took to the stage. Birds Eye, he said, would need a lot of bright, well-trained people in the years to come. Women, he added, were sadly under-represented in business management and he urged the newspapers to create a young businesswomen of the year as well as a young businessman.

Birds Eye's Kenneth Webb.

There was unfortunately time only for two questions to the chairman before lunch was decreed, but even from these it became clear that newspapers would be wasting their time looking for this female paragon at Birds Eye.

Business Diary's Ross Davies asked Webb what his company did to bring on its women managers. Webb said that they had only ever had two or three, and that hardly any came forward to be brought on.

The Observer's Katharine Whitehorn asked what Birds Eye did to encourage married *women to join the company* after they had had their children. Not much, Webb said.

Birds Eye is a subsidiary of Unilever, whose Anne Mackie is a member of the EEC economics and social committee, which is trying to persuade member countries to abide by the equal pay and opportunity provisions of the Treaty of Rome.

Consoling

With New York City in the middle of a financial crisis more and more economists in the city seem only too happy to console themselves by looking at Britain's troubles. Many brokers seeing disaster ahead for the British economy fear heavy losses in the Wall Street markets owing to financial crises at American companies' United Kingdom subsidiaries.

Wall Street views quoted in *Barron's Magazine* include those of Jay Levy, *economist* and publisher of *Industry Forecast*: "The United Kingdom is in a great deal of trouble. The situation is roughly equivalent to the one New York City is in.

"England is a country that consumes much more than it produces and what it does produce it doesn't produce very efficiently. . . The British have great technological genius, but they don't translate this into industry. Their productivity is very poor."

Charles Maxwell, senior vice-president of Cyrus J. Lawrence Inc: "The way things are going you could probably make a case that they (the British) will be in debt by an amount that they could probably service (through North Sea oil revenues) and gradually repay over 15 years, but that would just take them back to square one.

"And it would be close. It's very problematic that the British can be saved by the North Sea, and that's dangerous, both in actuality and psychologically. Right now, most Britons feel they don't have to *worry about* all the terrible things happening around them because they have the North Sea to fall back on."

But longer-term the experts seem to think the British economy might collapse and then, to quote Levy: "Somebody will come to the rescue. The number one nominee would be the United States. Or, if they have big surpluses, perhaps Iran or Saudi Arabia.

Oddity

Tomorrow, the day before the Government unwraps its White Paper with the remedy for the country's economic ills, a cere*mony will take place* in the House of Commons which will bring together the Prime Minister, the Speaker and the chairman of British Steel.

Sir Monty Finniston will present to the Speaker, Selwyn Lloyd, a plaque awarded to the Commons under the Stainless Steel Clean Kitchen Scheme organized in association with the Egon Ronay organization.

The House has been chosen to *receive the hundredth such* plaque, which is awarded for the standard of the design, equipment, maintenance and cleanliness of kitchens.

The state steel undertaking no doubt defends this non-event on the basis that it can be justified commercially as stimulating demand for stainless steels, but it's an odd affair to take up the time of such men when the steel industry, like the country, is committed to all possible economies to lessen the huge losses faced this year.

Complementary

Kenneth morgan continues his *long run of heading accountancy* firms with the announcement this week of a merger between Mann Judd & Co and Fuller Jenks Beecroft & Co. Morgan, senior partner of the former, now holds the same position with the new firm, *which, thankfully, is to be* called simply Mann Judd.

The merger has been brought about by the need to provide more sophisticated, *specialized services* as well as to share the cost of setting up a training programme sufficiently attractive to good young accountants.

At home, the two firms are somewhat complementary in their geographical spread, with *MJ having about 150 people in* London and 500 in the provinces, and FJB about 250 in London and 100 outside.

At the top the split between *the partners of the two con*stituents is pretty even. Greville Barnard, former senior partner at FJB, is deputy chairman and Peter Carpenter, another FJB man, heads the management board, acting as the link with the policy board.

For Morgan, at 62, his new post is the latest in a 20-year stint at various helms. He became senior partner of R. H. March Son & Co in 1955, holding the same job after the merger in 1969 with Mann Judd.

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CONSTRUCTION,
DISTRIBUTION,
ENGINEERING,
METALS,
PROPERTY,
VEHICLE DISTRIBUTION

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF GROUP RESULTS

For the Year Ended 31st March, 1975

Comparative Figures	1974 £000's	1975 £000's
Turnover	51,299	61,156
Trading Profit	2,839	3,313
Development dealing surplus	352	—
Provision against residential development sites	—	(100)
	3,191	3,213
Interest payable	(570)	(807)
Dividends received	2	5
Profit before taxation	2,623	2,411
Taxation	(1,132)	(1,091)
Profit after taxation	1,491	1,320
Extraordinary items	531	284
Profit available for appropriation	2,022	1,604
Earnings per 25p share	8.0p	7.1p
Dividends per 25p share (gross)	4.01p	4.41p

It is proposed to declare a final dividend of 1.9509p per share, which, together with the interim dividend of 0.942p per share already paid, makes a total of 2.8929p for the year which is equivalent to a gross dividend of 4.407p (1974 - 4.007p).

The divisional contributions to group trading profit are as follows:—

	1974 £000's	1975 £000's
Construction	373	454
Distribution	420	479
Engineering	295	336
Metals	500	696
Property	794	861
Vehicle Distribution	457	487
Trading Profit	2,839	3,313

The Pensnett Trading Estate has been professionally valued at the 31st March, 1975, at a figure of £12.3m. giving *rise to a surplus of £1.6m.* which has been adopted. Including this surplus, the consolidated group capital and reserves amount to £15.1m. (1974-£12.5m.).

On June 27th, 1975, an additional £2m. term loan was raised with the Midland Bank Limited. Together with the existing £2m. loan, this sum will be secured by a charge on the Pensnett Trading Estate, thus releasing the charge held by the Midland Bank Limited on the Group's other land and buildings. The aggregate £4m. will be repayable by June 1980, and will bear interest at the rate of 2% above base rate.

The Report and Accounts will be circulated to shareholders on 28th July and the Annual General Meeting will be held on 20th August.

L.C.P. Holdings Limited

PENSNETT TRADING ESTATE, BRIERLEY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS

Whitecroft

"... company has a firm foundation upon which to continue its successful expansion programme of recent years."—
Mr. E. G. Goold, Chairman

Record profits earned for third year running – 285% higher than *3 years ago*

- Group pre-tax profits £3,277,000 (last year £3,148,000)
- Earnings and net tangible assets per ordinary stock unit again increased
- Maximum permitted dividend recommended – four times covered
- Adequate financial resources available to finance planned growth

Summary of results	1974/5 £	1973/4 £
Turnover	38,005,000	31,719,000
Profit before taxation	3,277,000	3,148,000
Profit after taxation and minority interests	1,535,000	1,511,000
Attributable to each ordinary stock unit:		
Earnings	19.23p	18.91p
Dividends	4.877p	4.49p
Net tangible assets	164p	159p
Dividend — times covered	3.94	4.21

Whitecroft Limited

Textiles, building, building supplies, engineering and leather

Copies of the report and chairman's statement may be obtained from:
The Company Secretary at
Blackfriars House, Parsonage, Manchester M3 2HX

HASLEMERE ESTATES LIMITED

Haslemere Estates

Record Earnings

* Earnings increased 44% to £1,084,000.
* Dividend for 1974/75 will be maximum permitted and is covered more than twice by earnings.
* Positive cash flow after charging all interest to revenue.
* Combined portfolio of investment and trading properties: £104 million.
* Borrowings as percentage of assets: 46%.

Chairman: Mr. F. E. Cleary, M.B.E., F.R.I.C.S.
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THE McNEILL GROUP

Concrete and Structural Steel Engineers, Builders' Suppliers, Plant Distributors and Contract Hire.

'Optimistic view of 1975'

	1971 £000	1972 £000	1973 £000	1974 £000
Net Sales	4,981	5,418	6,900	9,600
Group Profit before Tax	271	411	593	536
Taxation	117	167	285	306
Group Profit after Tax	154	244	308	230
Earnings per share	8.5p	10.7p†	13.2p	9.8p

†After scrip issue

Extracts from the circulated statement of the Chairman, Dr. D. B. McNeill:

- The Company weathered the stresses of 1974 and emerged from a challenging year with its turnover increased from £6.9m to £9.6m and a profit of £0.536m.
- The total dividend recommended of 2.61375p is the maximum permitted under Government legislation.
- The Plant Division continues to be busy and future prospects have been improved by the acquisition of several large and valuable agencies covering sales in both parts of Ireland.
- Prospects in the Building Services and Structural Division continue to be good and orders for concrete products will keep all our factories busy until 1976. McNeill Building Services, Portadown Foundry and Smyth Mills are busy and should continue to be so for some months to come.
- The Company, with its resources of professional skill and manufacturing capacity, is admirably placed to take full advantage of any revival when it comes.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are obtainable from the Secretary, 78 Duncrue Street, Belfast BT3 9AZ.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Long gilts close sharply higher

Stock markets were dominated yesterday by a strong rise in gilt edged, in anticipation of a move towards moderation at the miners' conference. Equities, also edged forward but turnover remained very thin.

The first reports from the miners' meeting, which arrived *just before the market closed*, lacked detail. Shares were marked higher but there was no increase in buying pressure.

The market indices rose by around 2.7 per cent, the *FT* index putting on 8.7 points to 326.4.

Gilts advanced strongly on a broad front. Heavy buying of the long-dated "tap" stock developed, with dealers estimating the Government broker's sales at between £100m and £150m.

There was support for shares in Distillers, 2½p up at 146½p, after the announcement that the final results will be disclosed on July 17.

Hopes of a reduction in inflation, focused by the Government's intention to introduce a statutory pay policy if voluntary *methods fail, were the* main buying influence.

Gains in "longs" were in the ½ to ¾ point range. Prices closed at the top after a day which dealers described as very busy.

"Shorts" were also active, in contrast to recent sessions when they have tended to be neglected. Rises ranged up to ½ point. Dealers said that much of this represented bear-closing, although new buying was also significant.

Turnover in equities remained very disappointing. A total of *only 4,782 marked bargains*—together with the disclosure that Monday's turnover in equities was worth only £35m, barely one third of bull market conditions—confirmed that share prices are moving on largely technical factors. Jobbers books are still tight, and prices responded quickly to some bear closing during the morning, followed by some speculative investment towards the end of the session.

The market leaders were marked up by one penny or so as the City heard that the Yorkshire Miners had withdrawn their "demand" for £100 a week. But there were few takers of stock, and some prices topped off in the final minutes of the trading day. The equity market postponed its response to the miners' conference until today, when it can "read the small print" as one dealer put it.

The final flurry added about 3p to ICI, which closed 7p up at 270p, rather less in the other leaders. Beecham (291p) had touched 293p, while gains in Unilever (382p) and Courtaulds (128p) were restricted to a few pence.

Tobacco shares stood out well, with Imperial Group 2½p higher at 68½p ahead of the *interim statement*. Bats gained 11p to 322p. Other international favourites had mixed fortunes. Reed Int (226p) were held back again by the plant closures in Scotland. Bowater (147p) led the market forward.

The squeeze was on among engineering shares, which have been unsettled during the debate over the Government's 10 per cent wage rise plan. GKN jumped 8p to 240p as the bears were forced in to buy stock. Tubes, at 268p and Metal Box at 260p also moved forward. Hawker Siddeley managed a 2p gain at 264p.

One of the market's busiest stocks was, once again, Hanson Trust, which put on another 10p to 170p as investors showed their satisfaction with the terms of the rights issue.

Consumer stocks, remained nervous while the City awaited publication on Friday of the White Paper. Marks & Spencer stood out well, with a 6p rise bringing them above the 200p mark once more at 205p. Marks have been weak for the past *fortnight*, and the turn in the market forced some bears in to buy stock. But Boots (209p), Debenhams (65p) and J. Lyons (147p for the "A") could find little support. Grand Metropolitan remained steady at 68p.

Among the day's features were Teachers (Distillers), 16p higher at 221p after another round of bid speculation.

Shares in Sealed Motor Holdings dipped to 41p as the withdrawal of Myson left Adwest triumphant in the bid struggle.

Company results brought gains in Allied Colloids, 6p up at 86p after 88p on good results, and a scrip issue. Butterfield Harvey, 4½p up at 26p on good figures, and Southern Evans, 3p higher at 70p although earnings were down.

Bank shares had an uncertain session. After hanging fire during the morning, share prices moved higher on some small technical buying from the bears which are unwilling to be caught if the market turns higher in the wake of gilts. But closing prices for National Westminster Banking (233p), for Lloyds (217p) and for Barclays (268p) showed not rises of only a few pence.

Expect an important statement today about changes at Keyser Ullmann—but it will have nothing to do with a merger, as suggested at the weekend. Meanwhile, KU's share price put on 2p to 48p.

Oil shares took heart again after the setback which followed the Israeli raid on Lebanon, and helped again by some United States interest in late dealings, BP closed 16p up at 535p.

Equity turnover on Monday totalled £34.7m (11,651 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph; Bowater new, ICI, Shell, Glaxo new, Beecham, Redland, Distillers, Midland Bank, Barclays Bank, Hanson Trust.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Allid Colloids Gp (10p)	1.5	1.4†	2/10	1.5	1.4†
Brooks Watson (20p) Fin	Nil	3.2	—	0.8	4.6
Butterfield-Harvey (25p) Fin	4.03	4.16	28/8	7.03	6.62
Ellerman Lines (£1 Dfd)	4.5	4.22	—	4.5	4.22
Kimpher Ltd (10p) Fin	2.0	3.09	20/8	3.0	4.49
LCP Hldgs (25p) Fin	1.95	1.85	—	2.89	2.72
Lendu Rbr Ests (5p)	0.53	0.5	—	0.53	0.5
Rembla Rbr (5p)	0.32	0.3	—	0.32	0.3
Ropner Hldgs (25p) Fin	0.8	0.74	—	1.6	1.51
Sec Gt Northern Inv (25p) Fin	1.0	0.93	9/9	1.6	1.46
Do. Do Int	0.6	0.52	10/1	—	1.6
Southerns-Evans (25p) Fin	1.39	1.33†	19/8	1.67	2.46†
R. W. Toothill (25p) Fin	2.61	2.34	—	3.79	3.57
Utd Brit Secs Tst (25p) Int	4.4	3.7	29/8	6.4	5.7

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. † Adjusted for scrip.

Business appointments

Mr B. Scott joins Lloyds Bank board

Mr B. F. W. Scott has joined the board of **Lloyds Bank**.

Sir Reay Geddes has become a director of **The Rank Organisation**.

The following have joined the board of **Oriel Foods**: Mr Roger Nicholson, director, food processing; Mr Norman Rayner, group financial controller; and Mr David Restrick, director, personnel.

Mr J. J. Bayley, Mr G. C. Musson and Mr P. J. Quinnen are to become members of **James Capel & Co** on July 12.

Mr G. A. Brown has been made personnel director of **Tunnel Cement**.

Mr N. V. Pinks has become chief manager in London of **Australia and New Zealand Banking Group**, since the retirement of Mr R. J. Sutton. Deputy chief managers are Mr C. H. Bennett and Mr R. W. J. Horne.

Mr Keith Searby has joined the board of **WPS Communications & Marketing**.

Mr G. Latham has been made a joint managing director of **International Stores**. Mr P. W. Longland joins the board in place of Mr R. J. Ogle.

Mr H. S. K. Groenlees and Mr R. T. Sykes will be retiring from membership of **Laing and Cruickshank** on July 31. Mr C. A. Mowbray, Mr A. H. Scott and Mr B. J. Lardner will become members as from August 1.

Mr Roy Ginger has been made a director and general manager of **Air Drive**. Mr W. Ludlow becomes works director.

Mr Eric Wood, managing director of **Anglo-Swiss Screw**, has been appointed to the board of **Anglo-Swiss Holdings**. Mr James Luck, managing director of British Engraving & Nameplate and Metal Components has also joined the board.

Mr John Gerrard has become group financial controller of **Alpine Holdings**.

Mr Mark Layton and Mr Michael Felden have joined the board of **Incomes Data Services**.

Mr Lewis Nutton has been made financial director and secretary of **Newton Chambers Engineering** and secretary of its subsidiary Ensecote. Mr Ronald Law has joined Ensecote as director and general manager.

Mr R. Langford has been made a non-executive director of **Fluidrive Engineering**.

Mr Richard Pollen becomes a director of **Charles Barker City**. Mr Anthony Cardew has been made an associate director.

Mr J. E. Hinde, chairman and chief executive of **Cutler Hammer Europa**, has been elected chairman of the **Control and Automation Manufacturers' Association**.

Mr Graham Reid has become director of manpower intelligence and planning on the **Manpower**

Mr J. A. Stitt, joint managing director of **Berwick Timpo**, has been made a director of its recently acquired subsidiary, **Park Toys**.

The following new appointments have been made to **Regional Industrial Development Boards** in England: Northern: Mr P. Baines and Mr G. D. Dixon; North-Western: Mr G. N. Hague, Mr T. D. Parr, Mr W. H. Aldritt and Mr D. G. Farrar; Yorkshire and Humberside: Mr G. W. Candelet and Mr C. N. S. Horsley; South-Western: Mrs B. Browning, Mr D. M. Gillespie and Mr W. H. Stephens.

Mr J. Sadiq and Mr R. Bourne have resigned as directors and Mr A. F. Hill, Mr A. J. Harding and Mr B. B. Winston have joined the board of **G. F. Lovell**.

Mr John Perks, deputy chairman of the **Concentric Group**, has become chief executive after the recent management restructure.

Mr Albert Bache has been made director of manufacturing at **Tower Housewares**.

Mr C. C. Gregory has joined the board of **Marchall Morgan and Scott**.

Mr Paul Allaire has been made a director of **Rank Xerox** and becomes chief staff officer.

Mr Alan Ratledge has joined the board of **Economic Forestry (Northern)** as financial director.

Mr D. M. McL Burnell, deputy chairman and chief executive of **Anglo American Asphalt**, has been made a director of **W. & J. Glossop**.

Mr R. W. Taylor and Mr I. G. Sampson were appointed to the board of **Target Trust Group**.

Mr G. M. Laurie has become a director of **T. A. Cotbill & Partners**.

Mr John Pryle joins the board of **Hire Service Shops** as financial director.

Mr Percy Gander has been appointed technical director-designate of **Eagle International**.

Mr A. Taylor becomes a director of **Third Mile Investment**.

Mr John Walshe has been made managing director of **Grosvenor Estate Commercial Developments** in succession to Mr Kenneth Eyles, who becomes deputy chairman.

LCP hit by interest as profits dip 8 pc

By Desmond Quigley

LCP Holdings report an 8 per cent drop in profits from £2.6m to £2.4m for the year to the end of March, largely due to a 42 per cent increase in interest charges from £570,000 to £807,000.

The company also revealed that towards the end of last month it raised a second £2m loan from the Midland Bank. Both loans are secured by a charge on the Pensnett Trading Estate, releasing the original charge held by the bank on the group's other land and buildings. The terms of the original loan have been slightly altered so that the aggregate £4m will be repayable by June, 1980, and will bear interest at 2 per cent above the *base rate*.

The estate has been valued at £12.3m as at the end of March, giving a surplus of £1.6m which has been adopted in the accounts, thus helping to boost consolidated group capital and reserves by £2.6[illegible] to £15.1m.

The preliminary results sho[illegible] that turnover was boosted [illegible] 19 per cent from £51.3m [illegible] £61.2m.

The drop in pre-tax profi[illegible] came entirely from the fir[illegible] half, with the second ha[illegible] making a 12 per cent increa[illegible] to £1.4m. However, profi[illegible] increase at the trading lev[illegible] lagged in the second half co[illegible] pared with the first, but st[illegible] finished ahead for the full ye[illegible] at £3.31m compared wi[illegible] £2.84m.

All the divisions show improvements at the tradi[illegible] level, with the metals and c[illegible] struction side showing [illegible] biggest rises with 39 per ce[illegible] and 22 per cent respective[illegible] *The property division*, whi[illegible] made the largest contributi[illegible] to trading profits at £861,0[illegible] only recorded a 8 per cent [illegible] while the vehicle distributi[illegible] side put on only £30,000 [illegible] £487,000.

Singapore's ban on Haw Par remains

By David Mott

The Singapore Stock Exchange reaffirmed yesterday that it would not consider lifting its suspension of the shares of Haw Par Brothers International until the company fully complied with five requirements. On Monday the London Stock Exchange restored the quotation because, it was said, it considered the Singapore ban to be ineffective.

The conditions are the receipt of a report from an independent accountant on HP's assets; a merchant bankers' independent view of the proposed Pernas deal; compliance with the Singapore Securities Industry Council's ruling that Pernas must make an all-out bid for HP; a similar compliance w[illegible] the London ruling on an [illegible] out HP bid for London T[illegible] and the following of the co[illegible] tions of the Singapore C[illegible] panies Act on takeover bid[illegible]

Turnover in HP shares on [illegible] Hongkong exchange has b[illegible] "minimal" since the annou[illegible] ment of the Pernas deal, [illegible] Richard Witts, the secret[illegible] said yesterday. No business [illegible] done last week and the w[illegible] before that only 11,500 sh[illegible] changed hands, he said.

He was commenting [illegible] reports from London that s[illegible] brokers there had complai[illegible] that Singapore brokers had [illegible] tinued to deal in Kuala Lum[illegible] and Hongkong in spite of [illegible] Singapore suspension.

Ropner slows up as its ships go into dry dock

Ropner Holdings (shipping, engineering, insurance broking and property) is slowing down. In the year to March 31 last, turnover rose a bit from £7.66m to £7.72m and pre-tax profits climbed from £1.2m to £1.52m.

But in the first six months pre-tax profits soared from £553,000 to £981,000. In the latest year, moreover, profits were assisted by a fall in the share of loss less profits of associated companies from £270,473 to £81,522.

A fall in property losses could be responsible. The group has a 40 per cent stake and loans out to Greytown Property which got most of its finance from London Indemnity and General Insurance where a provisional liquidator was appointed.

Profits explode at Butterfield and outlook goo[illegible]

Butterfield-Harvey, the Sl[illegible] voke & Drewry dustcart c[illegible] cern and marine engine gro[illegible] has not quite kept up [illegible] spanking pace set in the fi[illegible] six months of its year [illegible] March 31 last. But few w[illegible] quibble with the leap fr[illegible] £355,000 to £1,504,000 in p[illegible] tax profits for the full year. [illegible] the first half year they we[illegible] up from £328,000 to £825,0[illegible] Sales rose from £24.4m [illegible] £31.26m.

In 1972-73 pre-tax prof[illegible] were £1.2m and only £364,[illegible] in 1969-70, the year Butterfi[illegible] bought G. A. Harvey. T[illegible] directors say that despite [illegible] certain trading conditions [illegible] order load is reassuring in su[illegible] sidiaries able to make the b[illegible] gest profits.

Tunnel reports a difficult year

Mr J D Birkin, Chairman of Tunnel Holdings Limited, said in his review of the year ended 30 March 1975:

"It has been a hard and complicated year particularly in the cement operation. A combination of a 12% drop in national cement demand, seriously accelerating cost inflation, industrial relations problems and the fact that for virtually the whole year the Price Code prevented the operation of the Common Price Agreement, all led to lower production and deliveries.

Group Profit before taxation of £4,121m (last year £4.599m) must be assessed against this difficult background."

"Recent reorganisation has contributed savings which will become progressively more effective but, against a background of economic uncertainty and perilous inflation, it would not be wise to make any forecast for the current year."

Salient points from the Report and Accounts:

- ☐ unprecedented increases, particularly in energy and employment costs
- ☐ combined effect of inflation and severe drop in demand made cutbacks in both production and administrative areas inevitable
- ☐ sizeable export orders secured though at low margins in severely depressed markets
- ☐ increased contribution from associated companies with improving prospects for overseas interests
- ☐ maximum permitted dividend recommended, twice covered, totalling 8.1357p per unit for the year
- ☐ Company's liquidity remains strong

	1975	1974
Group Turnover	£44,125,000	£35,337,000
Profit before taxation	£4,121,000	£4,599,000
Profit after taxation	£2,143,000	£2,307,000
Earnings per share	17.9p	19.3p
Dividend per share	8.1357p	7.4925p
Profit retained	£950,000	£390,000

The 64th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in London on 31st July, 1975.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Beecham Group untroubled by setback in UK

By Peter Wainwright

Beecham Group chairman Mr G. J. Wilkins reminds shareholders in his statement with the accounts for the year to March 31 last that one must not make too much of a single set of figures.

In the past year Beecham Group hoisted pre-tax profits by 12.5 per cent to £61.9m but the whole gain came from abroad. Total sales rose to a new peak of £436.4m, a 29 per cent rise, taking turnover past the £400m mark for the first time. Overseas sales including United Kingdom exports rose by 37.7 per cent to £276.4m or 63.3 per cent of group sales. The result was that trading profits were £68.5m, a 13.4 per cent increase. Of these, as much as £55.2m came from overseas or just over 80 per cent of the total.

The chairman recalls the first report made by his predecessor, Sir Ronald Edwards, who in 1969 had to report that while total sales and profits had gone ahead, those made in the United Kingdom had dropped. But in the next six years world sales more than trebled and trading profits more than doubled. Mr Wilkins affirms: "I have no doubt that, as proved to be true of 1968-69, our experience in this country last year will have no lasting significance."

Most of the past year's problems arose in Britain. In the first six months materials and components were scarce; their cost as well as those of fuel, and wages and salaries rose sharply; and price controls pressed on margins and cash resources. To cap it all, distributors de-stocked.

The chairman says the Government eventually recognized that industry's profits and cash were being eroded in November, 1974.

He adds: "They came too late to have much effect on our consumer products in 1974-75. They will be of some help in the current year but further substantial changes in the Price Code are necessary." On the pharmaceutical side of the business Beecham was allowed to raise the UP prices of most prescription medicines.

To ensure further growth Beecham spent £21.9m on capital account last year. Of this £13.4m was spent in Britain. The drug business has several new products at different stages of development. They include a broad spectrum anti-biotic, an anti-diabetic agent, and anti-inflammatory agent and a compound for the treating of bronchial asthma. The group hopes strongly that some will reach the market in the next few years.

Evered Holdings to be split between Francis and Clifford

Evered Holdings, the Smethwick builders' hardware and non-ferrous metal group, is being broken up. The industrial products division is being sold off to Francis Industries and the rest is going to Charles Clifford Industries. These plans were published yesterday.

It was announced that it had been agreed that Francis would buy the loss-making industrial products division for £250,000 in five instalments of £50,000 at six monthly intervals. The net book value of the assets is about £1m.

It was also announced that Clifford was offering 21p 12½ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1980 for each Evered ordinary share on condition that the industrial products division is sold off to Francis.

The stock can be converted into Clifford shares at 150p in the fourth of fifth year and if all conversion rights are taken up, Evered will hold 47 per cent of the enlarged Clifford equity. Last night, Evered's shares closed 2p up at 17p while Clifford held steady at 86p.

Mr J. R. Allen, managing director of Clifford, said yesterday that the takeover would mean that Clifford could provide a full range of non-ferrous products, particularly with the addition of Evered's brass rod and non-ferrous tube ranges. Clifford had stipulated that the sale of the industrial products division had to be accomplished because it was not interested in that side of the business.

All the Evered directors will resign, but the chairman, Sir Timothy Harford, has agreed to join the Clifford board. One of Evered's directors, Mr Sandy Saunders, who has been chairman of Evered's operating subsidiaries since the beginning of the year, is chairman of Francis Industries. Four Clifford directors will move on to the Evered board.

Brooks Watson dividend cut after £1.2m loss

Brooks Watson showed a small gain in profits in the first six months of the year to June 30, 1974, but the full year's results prove to be dismal. The need to make exceptional provisions for timber stocks of £1.18m pushed the Dublin-based group into a pre-tax loss of £1.2m. This compares with a 1973 profit of £1.86m. No final dividend is paid so the interim of 0.8p becomes the year's total compared with 4.6p.

The good news from this group (formerly known as Brooks Thomas Group) whose activities take in builders' providers, maltsters, distributors of farm machinery and pharmaceuticals, is that in the second quarter of 1975 the group returned to profits. The outcome for the first half should approximate to the budgeted small profit for that period.

Allied Colloids scrip

Shareholders of Allied Colloids, the industrial chemical manufacturer are to get a total dividend raised from an adjusted 1.4p to 1.5p and a one-for-five scrip, on the strength of the results for the year to March 31.

Profits before tax were slightly better at £1.66m from a turnover increased from £7.7m to £10.6m. Sales in the current first three months are ahead with improved margins.

Sheffield Twist

In the continuing takeover battle for Sheffield Twist Drill Steel, both Thorn Electrical Industries and SKF have bought additional shares in the company. SKF said yesterday it bought 49,000 stock units of Sheffield Twist at 91p per share, bringing its total holding to 17 per cent. Hambros Bank, an associate of Thorn said it bought 10,000 units at 92p.

Overdraft up at Charrington G

Overdrafts at Charrington, Gardner, Locket rose by a little under 40 per cent from £4.96m to £6.82m for the year to the end of March. However, Mr Roland Hall, the chairman, said yesterday that steps were being taken to reduce borrowings.

In his statement with the annual report and accounts, Mr Hall declines to comment on the prospects for the year. However, the company is clearly hoping for an improvement in profits after the shortfall last year. North Sea oil supply operations continue to do well. It is an area where the company expects to see some growth, although expansion is unlikely to be dramatic.

Kimpher down

Although better than at halfway pre-tax profits of Kimpher, the advertising agency, were almost halved from £362,000 to £190,000 in the year to March 31. Turnover was down from £26.5m to £25.6m.

The total dividend is cut from 6.61p to 4.62p.

R. W. Toothill

Furniture manufacturer R. W. Toothill is looking for "substantially" improved results this year after a second-half recovery in the 12 months to March 31.

Overall, profits before tax were down from £244,000 to £160,000 from slightly lower sales, excluding VAT, of £2.16m. Cash flow and liquidity are satisfactory and will be helped by stock relief.

Culter Guard Bridge gloom

A rather gloomy annual statement is presented by Sir Donald Cameron, chairman of Culter Guard Bridge Holdings, a Fife-based papermaking and conversion group.

The paper industry responds directly to the overall state of the economy (he writes) and, as the chairman's report went to press, the paper market in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States was at an "all-time low" and lack of demand prevents the mills running full time.

"Under the prevailing extremely serious rate of inflation in this country, costs are being strictly controlled, as is the use of energy, but so long as our production is at only around 50 per cent of capacity, there is no way that the company can make a profit."

Rediffusion report

In his annual statement with the accounts of Rediffusion chairman Sir John Spencer Wills says that short term borrowings to finance growth in colour television have passed their peak. But foreign currency borrowings will be expensive when repaid thanks to the weakness of sterling. The group as a whole could be expected to show further progress this year "if signs were to appear of a return to normality".

Cohen controls its borrowings

The turnover of The George Cohen 600 Group rose by almost 50 per cent last year, and stocks rose much faster; so although the actual tax charge is a modest £1.25m, the group has been forced to borrow more. At the net level borrowings are up from £7.63m to £19.5m but the directors, are not unduly concerned—working capital needs are not expected to rise again this year.

Cohen has started well this time, and for the moment order books in most companies remain firm. Although he declines to predict an exact outcome, the chairman looks to "a satisfactory year".

JFB extends offer for Greening

It begins to look as though the hotly contested bid by Johnson & Firth Brown for N. Greening & Sons might fail. Acceptances have been received for 3,202,084 Greening shares or 13.9 per cent of the equity making with the 15 per cent already held by JFB before the offer period a total of 28.9 per cent. The preference share offer has been accepted by 25.7 per cent of the issued share capital. The offers have been extended to July 17.

Argyle pulls out of Paris deal

Argyle Securities said it has, by agreement, terminated its interest in the Grands Magasins du Louvre in Paris, leaving it with a profit of almost £1.1m.

Argyle has taken the step as part of its reorganization in Europe and in agreement with the Post Office Staff Superannuation Fund. The agreement is subject to government approval in the United Kingdom and France.

PAULS & WHITES

Target for this year "significantly higher" says Brigadier S. Hill in report. At present no reason why this should not be achieved. Wood Hall Trust holds over 27 per cent.

ELECTRONIC RENTALS

The chairman is Mr Maurice Fry and not Sir Charles Norton as inadvertently stated in yesterday's issue. Sir Charles died in October.

MK ELECTRIC

If demand fails to improve production may be cut further, writes Mr D. Robertson in review. But present hope is business will improve.

KRENT CHEMICALS

Company to buy certain assets and technology from Ultrasonic Machines, APV subsidiary, for £100,000.

BOC INT

Subsidiary BOC Ltd bought 60 per cent of Drexel group of offshore service companies. Price will not be material in relation to BOC assets.

Overseas

Volkswagen back in the black by next year

Volkswagenwerk AG plans to be out of the red in 1976. But this depends on a number of things, including sales volume, price rises, material and wage costs and increased productivity, says chairman Mr T. Schmucker. He told the group's annual meeting that it is too early to name a concrete date for a lasting return to profit but given these qualifications the group stands by its intention.

VW made a loss in the first half of 1975 and it is certain to make a clear loss in the year as a whole after a DM555m parent company and an DM807m group loss in 1974. In future, he said, the group is placing more emphasis on making an appropriate return on sales rather than going for turnover and the task now is choosing markets according to their earnings potential. It must have the courage to give up markets where it is making losses. Worldwide group sales in the first half of 1975 were 1.12m vehicles—a rise of 10.6 per cent over 1974 but almost 10 per cent down on 1973. The parent company's workforce which is being cut by 25,000 in 1975-76 has now fallen almost 14 per cent or 14,900 from January to 92,000.

Peugeot strike slashes output

First half vehicle output in 1975 of Automobiles Peugeot at 350,400 units shows an 11 per cent fall while sales at 348,500 units showed a 9 per cent fall. The figures reflect the impact of the Usines Chausson SA strike which has meant the loss of more than 8,000 light commercial vehicles. The rise in the franc's value, the strength of foreign competition and the impact of the oil crises have hit exports where sales show a 7 per cent fall at 188,000 units with domestic sales down 13 per cent at 160,500 units.

In Africa the assembly of the group's cars in Nigeria is now starting while Peugeot and Citroen car production facilities in South Africa are being regrouped.

Hitachi planning to maintain net profit

Japan's largest electrical equipment maker, Hitachi, follows a 56 per cent fall in profits in 1974-75 by saying that it hopes to increase sales by 10 per cent and maintain its present net profit level for the current year ending next March. But the group gives a warning that its profits could worsen before they improved. Neither personal consumption nor capital outlays for plant and equipment in Japan are likely to show a full-scale recovery in the near future.

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Wall Street

New York, July 7.—Stocks on the New York stock exchange fell sharply today as upward pressure continued to build on interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average sank 10.71 points to 861.08. Declining issues broadly outnumbered gains about 910 to 510 at the close. Volume totalled 15,850,000 compared with 19,000,000 on Thursday.

Analysts continued to look for a move soon by a big bank to 7½ per cent prime rate from 7 per cent, the prevailing rate. First National City Bank of New York on Thursday raised its rate to 7 per cent from 6¾ per cent, where it stood alone. The move followed tightening of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve as the money supply continued to grow.

	July 7	July 3
Allied Chem.	36½	37½
Allied Stores	20	19½
Allied Supermkt.	7½	7¾
Allis Chalmers	10½	12¼
Alcoa	42¾	47
Amax Inc	53½	54¾
Amerada Hess	19⅞	19¾
Am. Airlines	8¼	8½
Am. Brands	41¼	41⅞
Am. Broadcast	24¾	26
Am. Can.	30½	31½
Am. Cyan.	27¼	27¾
Am. El. Power	16½	16½
Am. Home	40⅝	40½
Am. Motors	6⅛	6⅛
Am. Nat. Gas	34⅝	34⅞
Am. Standard	14¼	14
Am. Tel	50¾	51⅛
Amt. Inc.	29⅝	30¼
Anaconda	17⅞	17⅞
Armco Steel	26	27⅞
Asarco	18¼	18⅝
Ashland Oil	32⅞	32
Atl Richfield	110⅝	109¾
Avco	7⅞	7¾
Avon Prod.	45⅝	48⅝
Babcock & Wcox	22⅞	22⅞
Bankers Tst NY	38⅝	37⅞
Bank of Amer.	42⅝	44
Bank of N.Y.	32	32⅛
Beat Fds.	22⅞	22⅞
Bendix Dick	36¾	37
Bell & Howell	18¾	18½
Bendix	38⅞	39¼
Beth. Steel	33	32⅞
Boeing	29⅞	29⅞
Boise Cascade	24	24½
Borden	33½	34⅛
Borg Warner	14⅝	15⅝
Bristol Myers	87⅞	87⅞
BP	11¼	11⅛
Budd	9⅝	9⅝
Burl. Ind.	27⅞	27⅞
Burlington Nthn	31⅞	30⅞
Burroughs	106⅝	108½
Campbell Soup	33	33⅞
Canadian Pac.	14¼	14¼
Caterpillar	63¾	63¾
Celanese	32⅞	32⅞
Central Soya	15⅞	15⅞
Chartier N.Y	23⅝	22⅞
Chase Manhat.	27⅞	27⅞
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	37⅞	38⅞
Chesapeake Ohio	33⅞	36⅞
Chrysler	15	15⅞
Citicorp	37⅞	38⅞
Cities Serv.	46⅝	47⅞
Clark Equip	32⅞	32½
Coca Cola	60	61⅞
Colgate	31½	31⅞
C.B.S	33⅞	33
Columbia Gas	27⅞	27⅞
Comb Eng	35	35
Comw Edison	21⅞	22⅞
Con. Edison	13⅞	13⅞
Cons Foods	16⅞	16⅞
Cons Power	17⅞	18⅞
Cont. Can	24	24⅞
Cont. Oil	27⅞	27½
Control Data	29	29½
Corning Glass	80⅞	80⅞
C.P.C. Intnl.	45⅞	45⅞
Crane	45⅞	46⅞
Crocker Int	28⅞	28⅞
Crown Zeller	34⅞	34⅞
Dart Ind.	32	33⅞
Deere	40¼	41½
Del Monte	22⅞	22⅞
Delta Air	24⅞	24½
Detroit Edison	12⅞	12⅞
Disney	50	51½
Dow Chem	30⅞	30
Dresser Ind.	40⅞	41⅞
Duke Power	15⅞	15⅞
Du Pont	124	126
Eastern Air	4⅞	4⅞
East Kodak	102¼	103⅞
Eaton Corp.	22⅞	22½
El Paso G.	12⅞	12⅞
Equitable Life	17⅞	17⅞
Esmark	37⅞	37⅞
Evans P. D.	5⅞	6⅞
Exxon Corp	90⅞	91⅞
Firestone	19⅞	19⅞
Fst Chicago	25⅞	25
Fst. Nt Boston	29⅞	28⅞
Fst. Penn Corp	1⅞	1⅞
Ford	40½	40½
G.A.F. Corp.	11⅞	11⅞
Gamble Skogmo	24	24⅞
Gen. Dynam	31⅞	32
Gen. Electric	51⅞	52⅞
Gen Foods	25⅞	25⅞
Gen. Instr.	13⅞	12⅞
Gen. Mills	31½	32
Gen Motors	49½	48⅞
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	10⅞	10⅞
Gen. Tel. El.	27⅞	27⅞
Gen Tire	16	16
Genesco	4⅞	5
Georgia Pac	4⅞	4⅞
Getty Oil	14⅞	14⅞
Gillette	31⅞	31⅞
Goodrich	19⅞	19⅞
Goodyear	16⅞	16⅞
Gould Inc.	25⅞	25
Grace	27	26⅞
Grant W T	4⅞	4⅞
Gt. At. & Pac.	10	10⅞
Greyhound	13⅞	14⅞
Grumman Cp.	17⅞	17⅞
Gulf Oil	22⅞	22½
Gulf We Ind.	30⅞	37⅞
Heinz. H. J.	40⅞	41
Hercules	31½	32½
Honeywell	37⅞	37⅞
IC Inds	15⅞	15⅞
Intersoll	40⅞	42⅞
Inland Steel	40⅞	40⅞
I B M	204	209½
Intl. Harv.	27⅞	27⅞
Intl. Nickel	27⅞	28⅞
Int Paper	40⅞	40⅞
Int Tel Tel.	23½	23⅞
Jewel Co	22⅞	22⅞
Jim Walter	40⅞	40⅞
Johns Mans	25½	26⅞
Johnson & John	64½	64⅞
Kaiser Alum.	31	30
Kennecott	30⅞	31
Kerr McGee	81	81⅞
Kimb. Clk.	30	29⅞
Kraftco Cp.	32½	32⅞
Kresge S S.	32⅞	32⅞
Kroger	27⅞	27⅞
Ling. Mser	31⅞	32
L.T.V.	14⅞	14⅞
Litton	42	41
Lockheed	11⅞	11
Lucky Stores	13⅞	14⅞
Magnavox	5⅞	5⅞
Manuf Hanover	39⅞	39
Mapco	41½	41
Marathon Oil	49⅞	50
Marcor Inc	24	24
Marine Mid.	20⅞	20
Martin Mar	18⅞	18
McDonnell	14⅞	15
Mead	15⅞	15
Merck	53	54⅞
Minn. Min.	85⅞	85⅞
Mobil Oil	46⅞	46⅞
Monsanto	70	70⅞
Morgan. J. P.	68⅞	68⅞
Motorola	49⅞	50⅞
NCR Corp	33⅞	34⅞
Nat. Ind	18⅞	19⅞
Nat Dist	40	39⅞
Nat. Distill.	16⅞	16⅞
Nat. Steel	27⅞	27⅞
Norfolk West	67⅞	67⅞
NW Bancor	46	46½
Norton Simon	21	21⅞
Occ. Pet	19⅞	19⅞
Ogden	19⅞	19⅞
Olin Corp.	27⅞	27⅞
Otis Elev.	29⅞	29⅞
Owens Ill	42	42⅞
Pac. Gas. El.	20⅞	20⅞
Pan. Am	4⅞	4
Penn Cent	1⅞	1⅞
Penney J C	55	55⅞
Pennzoil	31⅞	32
Pepsico	83½	84⅞
Pet Corp	24⅞	24
Pfizer	31	31⅞
Phelps Dod.	38⅞	38½
Philip Mor.	50⅞	51⅞
Phill. Pet.	26⅞	26⅞
Polaroid	36⅞	36⅞
P.P.G. Ind	30⅞	30⅞
Proc. Gamble	90⅞	90½
Pub Ser El & Gas	19⅞	19⅞
Pullman	35⅞	32
Rapid American	6	6⅞
Raytheon	37⅞	38⅞
RCA Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Repub. Steel	32½	33⅞
Reynolds Ind	39⅞	39⅞
Reynolds Metal	22	23
Rockwell Int	24⅞	24⅞
Royal Dutch	37½	38
Safeways	27⅞	27⅞
St. Regis	28⅞	28
Santa Fe Ind	21⅞	21⅞
SCM	12⅞	12½
Schlumber	86⅞	86⅞
Scott Paper	14⅞	15⅞
Seaboard Coast	23⅞	23⅞
Seagram	29⅞	30⅞
Sears Roe.	72⅞	72⅞
Shell Oil	53⅞	54
Shell Trans	56⅞	57
Signal Co	17⅞	17⅞
Singer	13⅞	13½
Sony	13⅞	13⅞
Sth Cal Edison	19⅞	19⅞
Southern Pac.	32⅞	33⅞
Southern Rly.	54⅞	55⅞
Sperry Rand	48½	48⅞
Squibb	39⅞	38⅞
Std Brands	20	20⅞
Std Oil Cal	30	31
Std. Oil Ind	49⅞	50⅞
Std. Oil Ohio	28	28
Sterling Drug	20	19⅞
Stevens J P	18⅞	18⅞
Stude Worth	36⅞	37⅞
Sunbeam Cp	30⅞	29½
Sundstrand	24⅞	24⅞
Sun Oil	35⅞	34⅞
Teledyne	20½	21⅞
Tenneco	26⅞	26⅞
Texaco	26⅞	26⅞
Texas East Trans	38	38⅞
Texas Inst	110⅞	111⅞
Texas Utilities	21½	22⅞
Textron	25	24⅞
T.W.A.	7⅞	7⅞
Travelers Gp.	35⅞	34⅞
T R W. Inc.	24½	25½
U. A. L. Inc.	19⅞	19⅞
Unilever Ltd.	34	34
Unilever N.V.	42⅞	42⅞
Uniamerica	5⅞	5½
Union Bancorp	10⅞	9⅞
Union Carb.	60	61⅞
Un Oil Cal	47⅞	47⅞
Un. Pacific Corp	79	79⅞
Uniroyal	9⅞	9⅞
United Brands	8½	7⅞
Utd Merch & Man	13½	13⅞
U S Industries	4⅞	4½
U.S. Steel	29⅞	29⅞
Utd Technol	57	57⅞
Wachovia	23⅞	23
Warner Comm	19	19⅞
Warner Lambert	37⅞	37⅞
Wells Fargo	19⅞	19⅞
West'n Bancorp	29⅞	29⅞
Westgh El	19⅞	19⅞
Weyerhaeuser	38	38⅞
Whirlpool	26⅞	27
White Motor	1⅞	1⅞
Wolworth	26⅞	26⅞
Xerox Cp.	57⅞	58⅞
Zenith	21⅞	20⅞

Canadian Prices

	July 7	July 3
Abitibi	20	20⅞
Alcan	23⅞	23
Alg. Steel	27	28⅞
Asbestos	17	17
Bell Tel	44½	44⅞
Can Sup. Oil	41½	42⅞
Can. Int. Fd.	4.63	4.68
Cominco	31⅞	30⅞
Cons Bat.	27	27½
Falconbridge	34½	34½
Gulf Oil	22	21⅞
Hawker Can.	6.63	6.63
Hud Bay Min	19	18⅞
Hud Bay Oil	33⅞	33½
I.A.C. Ltd.	19⅞	19⅞
Imasco	25⅞	25⅞
Imp. Oil	29	29⅞
Int. Pipe	12⅞	12½
Mass.-Ferguson	13½	13⅞
Power Cp	9	9⅞
Provo Bras	18	18⅞
Royal Trust	23	23⅞
Seagram	30½	30
Steel Co.	25⅞	25
Tex. Can.	23⅞	23⅞
Trans-Nat. Oil	10⅞	10⅞
Walker H.	30⅞	30⅞
W.C.T.	22⅞	22

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.1875 ($2.1775); three months, $2.1721 ($2.1830); Canadian dollar, 99.86c (97.26c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 4.55 to 275.76. The futures index was up 3.82 to 231.94.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 861.08 (871.79); transportation, 169.21 (169.73); utilities, 37.96 (38.45); 65 stocks, 292.07 (296.70).

New York Stock Exchange index.—50.24 (50.31). Industrials, 55.96 (56.09); transportation, 34.04 (33.62); utilities, 33.37 (33.46); financial, 23.77 (23.72).

NY gold closes $2.70 lower

New York, July 7.—GOLD futures closed lower in fairly active trading. The New York Comex dropped $2.50 to $2.70 and the Chicago IMM fell $1.80 to $2.20. N1 COMEX.—July, $160.10; Aug., $161.00; Sept., $163.90; Oct., $166.60; Dec., $169.20; Feb., $171.90; April, $174.60; June, $177.30; Aug., $180.00; Oct., $182.70. CHICAGO IMM.—Sept., $160.30-165.50; Dec., $169.50; March, $173.80 asked; June, $177.90 asked; Sept, $182.00 asked.

SILVER.—Futures fell to within distance of the lows of the session on long liquidation by commission houses and unwinding of more currency hedges. Final prices were off 6.20 to 7.00 cents. July, 439.00c; Aug., 451.60c; Sept, 465.00c; Dec., 468.70c; Jan., 469.00c; March, 475.40c; May, 482.80c; July, 489.60c; Sept, 496.40c. Handy and Harman $480 (previous $451). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$4.646 (previous Can$4.681).

COPPER.—Futures closed steady between 110 and 150 points down on 1,653 lots. July, 54.40c; Aug, 54.50c; Sept, 55.00c; Dec, 56.70c; Jan, 57.10c; March, 58.10c; May, 59.10c; July, 60.10c.

SUGAR.—World sugar futures in No 11 contract were very lively through the day, closing 0.62 to 0.72 cent higher on commission house short covering influenced partly by chart factors. Sept., 14.20-25c; Oct, 13.95-14.00c; Jan, 13.95c nominal; March, 13.90-80c; May, 13.95-85c; July, 14.05c; Sept, 14.15c; Oct, 14.20c. Spot, 14.50c up 60.

COTTON.—Futures were firmer today on commission house and local professional buying. July, 47.44-52c; Oct 49.25c; Dec, 49.45-45c; March 50.30c; May, 50.95-100c; July, 51.60-65c; Oct, 52.00c bid; Dec, 52.00c bid.

COCOA.—Futures closed strong to firm on commission house short covering. July, 49.78c; Sept, 43.50c; Dec, 43.75c; March, 45.69c; May, 45.88c; July, 45.99c; Sept, 44.09c. Spots, Ghana 68c nominal, Bahia, 54c nominal.

COFFEE.—Futures in "C" contract closed very steady at 0.45 to 1.15 cent higher on scattered commission house short covering lifted by reports of frost last night in the coffee growing region of Parana, Brazil. July, 61.80-62.25c; Sept, 61.15-40.50c; Nov, 63.00-30c; Dec, 57.10-10c; March, 56.60c; May, 56.00-20c; July, 56.40-50c.

WOOL.—Futures sold very meagerly today. One lot was registered in the fine wool contract which closed 0.15 cent higher to a 10 cent lower. The crossbred contract did not sell and was 0.10 cent higher to 0.10 cent lower on bid and asked quotations. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 75.0c nominal. July, 72.0-7.0c; Oct, 74.0-80.0c; Dec, 77.0-81.0c; March, 77.0c bid; May, 76.0c bid; July, 76.0c bid; Oct, 76.0c bid; Dec, 76.0c bid. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 135.0c nominal; July, 134.0c bid; Oct, 129.0-9.0c; Dec, 130.0-30.0c; March, 130.0-42.0c; May, 138.0-33.0c; July, 138.0c bid; Oct, 138.0c bid; Dec, 138.0c bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Soyaproducts fell 0.72 to 0.18 cents a lb in Oil and lost up to $1.20 in Meal. SOYABEANS. July, $7.03½c; Aug, $7.11-12c; Sept, $6.97c; Oct, $6.87c; Nov, $6.81c; March, 535-34c; May, 550½c; July, [illegible] July, $122.20; Aug, $124.40-80; Sept, $129.10-50; Oct, $127.50-8.00; Dec, $131.00; Jan, $132.30-3.00; March, $137.00. SOYABEAN OIL, July, 22.75-70c; Aug, 21.75-85c; Sept, 21.00c; Oct 20.30-35c; Dec, 19.50c; Jan, 19.20c; March, 19.00-10c; May, 18.90c; July, 18.80c; Aug, 18.70-75c.

CHICAGO GRAINS: WHEAT closed four to 3½c higher, July, 302c; Sept, 308½-309c; Dec, 319½-320c; March, 329½c; May, 333½c. MAIZE closed 2½ to one cent lower, July, 276½-277c; Sept, 256½-25½c; Dec, 240½-241c; March, 248½-248½c; May, 254c; July, 255c. OATS closed 1½ to three cents lower, July, 153½c; Sept, 139½c; Dec, 140½c; March, 142c; May, 143½c nominal.

REDIFFUSION

Further Growth in a Year of Economic Recession

Still a Large Market for Colour Television

The Forty-seventh Annual General Meeting of Rediffusion Limited will be held on 30th July at the Connaught Rooms, London.

The following are extracts from the Review of the Chairman, Sir John Spencer Wills, which has been circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1975:—

The year's results

The increase in the Group's profit must be regarded as satisfactory for a year of economic recession, when inflation was at a level never previously experienced – especially as it was possible to make only one increase in the charges of our television-set business in the United Kingdom. That increase – an all-round 5% uplift in October 1974 – made little more than a token contribution towards our inflated costs.

The improvement in the Group profit would have been considerably better but for the setback in Hong Kong, where our new television broadcasting company, in the course of establishing itself, is still operating at a substantial loss.

Investment

Accusations have recently been made against industry of failing to invest in its own future. These accusations, in my view, are usually undeserved and misleading. The truth is that British industry has grown only because of its willingness to risk its owners' money. Every increase in employment and every improvement in the standard of living has been created in that way. During the financial year Rediffusion added to its investments in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Germany, Holland, South Africa and Spain.

The increase in our investment in the United Kingdom would have been considerably greater if controls on rental and hire-purchase had not denied people of modest means the opportunity of acquiring colour television sets which we should have been very happy to supply. Our investments abroad have added to the demand for the products and services of our U.K. operations.

It is, however, disappointing that we are as yet denied the freedom to invest further in extending the usefulness of our extensive cable television networks, which by common consent could become one of the most interesting developments of the future.

Television and related business

The further growth of our colour set business was satisfactory, having regard to the diminution in demand caused by Government controls, which continued. In April the cost of a colour licence was increased by £6 to £18 and the Chancellor in his Budget increased VAT on television sets and rentals to more than three times the standard rate. Not until the autumn are we likely to be able to assess the impact of these new burdens coming on top of the old. They will certainly restrict the rate of growth and it is to be hoped that the Government will see the need to relieve the industry of some of them. My own belief is that we need not be too gloomy about the future, because the colour television set is still the most coveted consumer durable for those who do not yet have one, and there is still a large market to go for.

The licensing arrangements under which we have enabled and assisted Barlows Manufacturing Company of South Africa to make television sets of our design in South Africa are working well. We have received substantial payments from them as part of our royalty agreement and we shall continue to receive royalties on the sets they make. We are also associated with Barlows in developments within South Africa.

Rediffusion Industrial Services, which specialises in audio and visual communications installations, continued to maintain its growth rate and accepted a record amount of orders.

Turnover from the retailing of audio goods, an ancillary activity in most of our shops, increased by about 40% on the previous year.

Video cassette machines arrived on the British market just as the economy turned down. With their relatively high price they are proving to be something for the professional user rather than for the general public. We continue closely to monitor developments in this field.

We continue to serve some 900,000 homes with our cable television services. The Government is unwilling to allow any broadening of the scope of cable television programming until the report of Lord Annan's Committee, which is reviewing the future of broadcasting, has been made and evaluated.

Electronic manufactures

Redifon, in the capital goods sector of the electronic industry, had a successful year. Record sales and exports by its constituent companies surpassed expectations, and all their order books are full.

High fuel costs are encouraging airlines to make more use of simulators for training, and Redifon Flight Simulation is extending its Crawley factory to meet increasing demand.

Redifon Telecommunications supplies radio communication and navigational systems throughout the world. It has made further progress, particularly in Africa and the Middle East, and is expanding its labour force rapidly at its new factory at Cwmbran in South Wales.

Redifon Electronic Systems is becoming well established as a leading company in the computer data preparation market, with an impressive list of users, at home and abroad, of its 'Seecheck' key-to-disc and 'Keycheck' data preparation systems.

Music services

Under difficult trading conditions our music services produced a good return but were not able to maintain the consistent progress made in recent years. The Rediffusion music service did quite well, its partnership in Western Germany, in particular, contributing a good profit. Rising costs and declining demand made it a disappointing year for Rediffusion International Music's records and cassettes, although its music publishing activity continues to grow profitably.

Associated companies

Rediffusion Television's profit was greater than in the previous year. The profit of Rediffusion Holdings was considerably below that of its previous year, due to the burden of interest charges on the money borrowed by its subsidiary, Wembley Stadium, to finance its major building developments.

The outlook

Our future performance depends very much upon the success of Governments, our own and others, in bringing inflation under control. If signs were to appear of a return to normality, the Rediffusion Group could expect to show further improvement over the current year. Some of our businesses – television rental in particular – are especially sensitive to price increases, which are now inevitable. This may have some effect on the pattern of our trading, and the high rate of VAT will certainly have some effect on its volume. On the brighter side, however, there is still a large market for the colour television set which is the most coveted of consumer durables.

Our Redifon companies hope to do better still. Their continuing expansion should offset any slowing down in the Group's television set business resulting from Government measures, provided that cost inflation at home does not price Redifon out of the overseas markets in which the majority of its products are sold.

Our overseas companies can be expected to produce a reasonable profit, except for the new operation in Hong Kong. And by this time next year we shall be within sight of the end of our dependence upon outside finance for foreseeable developments in our principal businesses in the United Kingdom.

A copy of the Accounts containing the Chairman's Review can be obtained on application to The Secretary (T) Carlton House, Lower Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LS

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Brandts' third loan for Mexico

The Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed a £21m loan to help finance the purchase of capital equipment from United Kingdom suppliers by Altos Hornos de Mexico. The equipment will be used for further expansion of an iron and steelworks in Monclova, north-east Mexico. It was arranged by Brandts Ltd for Lloyds Bank.

This is the third loan arranged by Brandts Ltd for Altos Hornos during the past 12 months. The first was to back contracts with Davy Ashmore and amounted to £53m for British equipment and services. The second was for $84.4m and also for expansion.

Yearling coupon cut

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Issues & Loans

Authority negotiable bonds have an 11⅞ per cent coupon and are priced at par compared with 12 per cent at par last week. United Kingdom short-term interest rates were generally easier with littled emand in the local authority market. Among the larger borrowers (£1m or over) are Sheffield, Kingswood, Wolverhampton, Havering, Buckinghamshire and Ealing.

Rights successes

The recent rights issue by Glaxo Holdings to ordinary shareholders and those of the 7½ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1985 has closed with acceptances of 94.2 per cent of the shares offered. The balance has been sold for the benefit of holders wh ohave not taken up their liability. Another success has been the issue by Ever Ready (Holdings) where the acceptance was 86.9 per cent of the 13.4m shares offered and the balance has been sold on the market. The excess over the issue price will be remitted in due course to persons to whom the shares were provisionaly allotted.

RADIO ORWELL

Offer for sale of shares in Radio Orwell, the independent local radio station for Ipswich, was successful. Applications from public totalled nearly £200,000 and Fitzwalter Wright, East Anglian merchant bankers, have taken up balance as agreed.

BENEFICIAL FINANCE OFFERS $CAN20m FIVE-YEAR NOTES

Beneficial Finance International, wholly owned subsidiary of Beneficial Corporation of Delaware Corporation, plans to offer $Can20m five year notes in Eurobond market —first Canadian dollar issue in Eurobond market by a non-Canadian issue.

Bank statements for June

Statements of the London Clearing Banks and their banking subsidiaries in England and Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man made up to June 18 are summarized in the table below:

£ millions

	Total	Change on Month	Barclays	Lloyds	Midland	National Westminster	Williams & Glyn's
Total Deposits	37,639	+ 206	9,584	7,124	7,483	12,050	1,438
Cash and balances with Bank of Eng	1,043	— 36	338	186	219	274	29
Market Loans:							
UK Banks and Discount Market	8,404	+ 563	2,083	1,884	1,597	2,643	283
Other	5,678	+ 93	1,163	1,224	937	2,091	257
Bills	1,591	+ 273	269	336	359	382	55
Special Deposits	644	+ 8	189	95	129	209	21
British Government stocks	1,490	+ 33	426	323	229	504	8
Advances	19,196	— 392	5,218	3,053	3,964	6,126	835
Parent Banks							
Reserve ratio (%)	13.6	—	13.3	14.9	13.3	13.5	14.4

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	9½%
C. Hoare & Co. ..	*9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster ..	9½%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6¼%, up to £25,000, 6¾%, over £25,000, 7¼%.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Attwood and Smithers 25p	158
All Irish Banks 10% Cnv (£100)	£117
Barnet 13½% 1980 (£100b)	£104
Do 14% 1984-85 (£100b)	£104
Clive Discount (20)	58
Colne Val Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£100)	£101
E. Surrey Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b)	£11
Folkestone Wtr 9% Pf (£)	£109
Gestetner 10% Cnv (£100)	£122
Lawrence (Walter) 25p Ord (35)	55p-½
Mitchell Cotts 13% Cnv (£100)	£7 prem-½
Nth Surrey Wtr 9% Pf (£)	£109
Southend 12½% 1981 (£99½)	£12¾
Sunderland Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b)	£10½
Warwickshire 12½% 1980 (£98)	£98½
Waterford Glass 10% Cnv (£100)	£101
Westminster 13% 1981 (£97½b)	£104

	Latest date of renun	
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Anderson Strath (£10†)		6 prem
Bowater (£1½)	Sept 1	28 prem-½
Brit Steam (50†)		6 prem-2
Com Bnk Aust (A$1.80s)	Aug 7	75 prem-5
GEI Int (75‡)	Aug 1	1 prem-1
Kwahu (20‡)	Aug 5	3½ prem-2
London United (50‡)	July 18	11 prem
Peglers Bat (£25‡)	Aug 29	8 prem
Phoenix Ass (£62‡)	Aug 1	12 prem-2
Premier Consols	July 11	4½ prem
Redland (67‡)	Aug 19	17 prem
Sarah (25‡)	July 21	2 prem-1
Siebe Gorman (80‡)	..	24 prem-3
Smiths Ind (95‡)	..	10 prem
Unicorn (50‡)	Aug 15	1½ prem
UK Optical (65‡)	Aug 7	11 prem¼

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £49 paid. b £10 paid. c £85 paid. f £50 paid. g £80 paid. h £35 paid. i £40 paid.

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1974-75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	41	— 3.0	7.3	4.6	
126	90	Henry Sykes	122	— 4.9	4.1	8.1	
81	29	Twinlock Ord	33	— 0.8	2.6	7.7	
64	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	64	— 12.0	18.8	—	

ATTWOOD GARAGES LIMITED

The Annual General Meeting of Attwood Garages Limited was held on July 8 at Wolverhampton. Mr. H. R. Attwood (Chairman and Managing Director) presiding.

Group profit before taxation for the year ended 31st January, 1975 was £69,583 compared with £134,176 for the previous year.

The directors recommend a final dividend of .8375p per share for the year ended 31st January, 1975 making a total of 1.45p per share which is the same as last year.

During the last quarter of the year trading showed some improvement, and whilst group turnover and profit are down on the year 1973-74, I believe that in the circumstances the final result is not an unsatisfactory one.

We have made a reasonable start and profits so far are ahead of last year, but with the present economic climate it is unwise to attempt a forecast for the remainder of the year.

The directors are grateful to all the employees whose efforts have contributed to the final result for the year.

The report and accounts were adopted.

BUTTERFIELD-HARVEY

Strong recovery in difficult year

	1974-75	1973-74	1972-73
Sales	£31.3m	£24.4m	£26.0m
Trading surplus	£2,013,000	£735,000	£1,496,000
Profit before tax	£1,504,000	£355,000	£1,218,000
Earnings per share	4.84p	1.03p	4.02p
Dividend	7.0345%	6.615%	6.615%

Points from Chairman's Review by Mr. S. A. Roberts C.B.E.

* "... strong recovery after the set-back of last year."
* Turnover up by 28% to record £31.3m.
* Profit "in excess of that achieved in any previous year."
* Maximum permissible dividend recommended.
* "... given freedom from major industrial disruptions the Group has a good prospect in 1975/6 of at least equalling the profit earned in the year under review."

Copies of the Report & Accounts for the year to 31st March 1975 may be obtained after 21st July from The Secretary

BUTTERFIELD-HARVEY LIMITED

Villiers House, Strand, London W.C.2.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed weaker generally in European currency trading yesterday. Its decline stemmed from profit-taking following Monday's gains and an easier trend in Eurodollar rates.

The pound closed 85 points up against the dollar, at $2.1955, rising sharply following the decision by the Yorkshire delegation of the National Union of Mineworkers to drop a demand for £100 a week.

Some quarters sai dthe Bank of England may have intervened lightly in the snor early in the session, but this was discounted by other dealers. The "effective sterling depreciation" rate fell to 27.6 per cent from 27.9 per cent overnight, its lowest since June 23.

Dealers said sterling trading remains thin ahead of publication this week of details of the Government's anti-inflation measures.

Gold rose by $2.00 an ounce, to close at $165.00.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) July 8	Market rates (close) July 8
New York	$2.1850-1895	$2.1880-1890
Montreal	$2.2555-2710	$2.2665-2675
Amsterdam	5.43-47fl	5.45-46fl
Brussels	78.50-79fr	78.70-80fr
Copenhagen	12.24-28k	12.25-26k
Frankfurt	5.24-28m	5.26-27m
Lisbon	54.20-80c	54.40-60c
Madrid	124.10-60p	124.25-35p
Milan	1388-1406lr	1401½-03½lr
Oslo	11.04-08k	11.06½-08½k
Paris	9.03-08f	9.05½-06½f
Stockholm	8.76-82k	8.79½-79½k
Tokyo	644-54y	648-51y
Vienna	37.00-40sch	37.10-30sch
Zurich	5.27-82f	5.29½-60½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 0.3 to 27.6 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.45-.35c prem	1.12-1.22c prem
Montreal	.45-.35c prem	1.25-1.13c prem
Amsterdam	3-2c prem	8¼-7¾c prem
Brussels	10c prem	35-15c prem
Copenhagen	3¼-1¾ore prem	8-6ore prem
Frankfurt	2¾-1¾pf prem	7½-6½pf prem
Lisbon	10-200c disc	20c prem-250c disc
Milan	3½-6½lr disc	11-14lr disc
Oslo	3-1ore prem	4½-2½ore prem
Paris	1¼-3¼c prem	3-5c prem
Stockholm	1ore prem-1ore disc	3-1ore prem
Vienna	20gro prem-par	50-20gro prem
Zurich	2¾-1¾c prem	5-7c prem

Canadian dollar rate against US dollar, 99.9882-85.

Eurodollar deposits (%): calls, 3¾-4¼ seven days, 5½-6¼; one month, 6½-7; three months, 7¼-7½; six months, 7½-8¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, £165¾ ($361 per ounce); pm, £164. Krugerrand (per coin), £126-128½ (£75¼-76¾); (domestic) £126½-127½ (£75¼-75¾). International Sovereigns: (old), £80¼-81¼ (£47¾-48¼); (new), £80¼-81¼ (£47¾-48¼).

Discount market

The discount market had a comfortable day yesterday with fresh money on offer right from the opening. The authorities operated to "mop-up" surplus funds by selling Treasury bills direct to houses on a "moderate" scale, but even so it was thought that there was a sizable amount left in the system to be carried forward to today.

Opening rates were in the region of 8¼ per cent, but money was taken down to 6¾ per cent before there was a slight hardening to 8 to 9 per cent in the closing minutes.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10% (Last changed 5 5 75)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9

Discount Mkt Loans%: Overnight: Open 8½ Close 6¾. Week Fixed: 8½-9

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅛	2 months	9⅛
3 months	9⅛	3 months	9⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9¾-9⅝	10
3 months	10-9⅞	10
4 months	10-9¾	10¼
6 months	10-9¾	10¼

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-9¾	7 months 10¼-9¾
2 months	10¼-9¾	8 months 10¼-10¼
3 months	10¼-9¾	9 months 11¼-11
4 months	10¼-9¾	10 months 11¼-11
5 months	10¼-9¾	11 months 11½-11
6 months	10¼-9¾	12 months 11½-11½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	9¾-9¾	6 months 10¼-10
3 months	9¾-9¾	12 months 11-10½

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	8-7½	3 months 9½
7 days	8¼-8¼	6 months 10
1 month	8-9¼	1 year 11½

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 8½ Close 7¾

1 week	8¼-8¼	6 months 10½-10¼
1 month	9¼-9¼	9 months 10½-10½
3 months	9½-9½	12 months 10¾

First Class Finance Houses Mkt Rates (%)

3 months	10½	6 months 10¾

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Commodities

COPPER.—Wire bars closed steadier; cathodes were steadier, but quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £541.50-42.00 a metric ton; three months, £560-60.50. Sales, 4,100 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £529-30.00; three months, £547.50-48.50. Sales, 900 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £537-38; three months, £556.50-57.00. Settlement, £538. Sales, 4,300 tons. Cash cathodes, £532-33; three months, £545-44. Settlement, £535. Sales, 125 tons.

SILVER closed steadier.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 205.70p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 451.5); three months, 211p (460.5c); six months, 217p (469.6c); one-year, 230.50p (500c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 207.5-7.5p; three months, 212.5-12.7p; seven months, 219.8-20.4p. Sales, 349 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, 206.1-06.2p; three months, 211.5-11.4p; seven months, 218.5-19.3p. Settlement, 206.2p. Sales, 19 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was quiet; high-grade was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,088-90 a metric ton; three months, £3,048-50. Sales, 55 tons. High grade, cash, £3,088-90; three months, £3,088-90. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,098-£3,100; three months, £3,095-97. Settlement, £3,100. Sales, 560 tons (about half carries). High grade, cash, £3,098-3,100; three months, £3,095-97. Settlements, £3,100. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M925 a picul.

LEAD closed steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £157.50-58.50 a metric ton; three months, £164.50-65.00. Sales, 875 tons. Morning.—Cash, £156.50-57; three months, £163-63.25. Settlements, £157. Sales, 2,300 tons.

ZINC was steadier.—Afternoon.—Cash, £233-34.00 a metric ton; three months, £317.50-18.00. Sales, 1,100 tons. Morning.—Cash, £333.25-33.75; three months, £315.50-16. Settlement, £333.75. Sales, 1,025 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM rose by 55p to £69.70 ($153.00 a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, July Aug Sept, £200; Bangladesh white "B" grade, July/Aug/Sept £194 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian July, Rs175; Dundee Dates, July, Rs350 per bale of 400 lb.

RUBBER closed uncertain.—Aug, 36.00; 38.00p per kilo; Sept, 37.10-38.35n; Oct Dec, 38.30-38.60n; Jan/March, 38.60-38.65n; April June, 39.45-39.50p; Oct-Dec, 40.50-40.40p; Oct-Dec, 40.70-41.00p; Jan/March, 41.30-41.65p; April June, 41.75-41.90p. Sales, Two lots at five tonnes each 5,570 lots at 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot: 34.50-37.00p. Cif's: Aug, 31.25-32.00p; Sept, 32.00-32.50p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 32 0-36p per lb; English hindquarters heavy, 40.0-42.0p; Ulster hindquarters, 40.0-42.0p; Ulster forequarters, 18.0-20.0p; Eire hindquarters, 30.0-42.0p; Eire forequarters, 17.0-19.0p.

VEAL.—English Fats, 38.0-43 0p; *English Calfs, 43 0p; English Bobbies, 12 0-17.0p; Scotch Bobbies, 13.0-14.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 50.0-55.0p; *Dutch hinds and ends, 56p.

LAMB.—English small, 30.0-33.0p; *English small, 36.0p; English medium, 30.0-32.0p; English heavy, 28.0-30.0p. Imported frozen: NZ D's, 30.0-31.0p; NZ 2's, 30.0-30.5p; NZ 3's, 29.0-29.0p; NZ YL's, 28.0-28.5p; NZ YM's, 29.0-29.0p.

EWES: 12.0-13.0p.

PORK: English, under 100lbs, 27.0-32.0p; English, 100-120lbs, 27.0-31.0p; English, 120-160lbs, 27.0-30.0p; English, 160-180lbs, 26.0-29.0p; English, 180lbs and over, 25.0-27.5p.

*Special quotation—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—Robusta terminal closed barely steady from £5.50 to £6.00 up on the previous day's 17.00 hours levels in 737 lots. The near positions were below openings. Dealer-selling from one source was a feature at one stage of the afternoon.

Arabicas were 80 to five points higher in 14 lots.

ROBUSTAS.—July, £478.0-9.0 per metric ton; Sept, £466.5-8.0; Nov, £461.0-2.0; Jan, £460.0-60.5; March, £462.0-2.5; May, £463.5-5.0; July, £466.0-6.5. Sales: 737 lots.

ARABICAS.—Aug, $63.60-65.90 per 60 kilos; Oct, $62.90-63.00; Dec, $63.50-63.40; Feb, $63.50-63.80; April, $63.70-64.50; June, $64.10-66.00; Aug, $64.30-65.50. Sales: 34 lots.

COCOA futures closed steady yesterday having established further substantial advances in the afternoon. On-balance gains ranged from £15.50 in July to £10 per tonne. However, end-session levels were mostly below the "highs" due to late profit-taking based on an improved sterling rate against the dollar.

Turnover totalled some 8,851 lots, although sizable block self-trades were notably featured in March and July, 1976, positions.

July, £372.0-74.0 per metric ton; Sept, £350.5-30.0; Nov Dec, £497.0-98.0; March, £497.0-98.0; May, £500 0-01.0; July, £502 0-03.5; Sept, £504 0-06.0. Sales: 8,831 lots, including two options. ICO prices, daily, 16.68c; 15-day average, 12.59c; 22-day 11.03c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures moved to their highest levels of the day in active trading yesterday and closed very steady from £11.50 to 27.35 up on the previous day's 17.00 hours prices on 4,345 lots.

Prices had drifted slightly lower at one stage until a very steady New York opening and chartist factors brought back renewed trade house activity which included some self-trades, and the move touched off stop-loss orders.

The London daily price (RAW) was raised by £3 to £137, and WHITE was raised by £5 to £147.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady. Aug, £74.50-75.00 per metric ton; Oct, £77.30-77.50; Dec, £77.60-77.80; Feb, £78.70-78.80; April, £79.60-79.00; Aug, £81.30-81.80; Aug, £80.50-83.20. Sales: 119 lots.

TEA.—There was a good demand at firm rates for all descriptions of Sri Lanka teas, other than plain Nuwaras Eliyas which were 10 to 6p per kilo lower, the Tea Brokers' Association reports.

A total of 11,637 packages were offered. The 376 markases of South Indian tea met a fairly good enquiry at steady rates.

Imported Indian tea met a fairly good enquiry at steady rates.

Imported Ceylon tea met with quite good demand at firm rates for all descriptions.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—All sections of the imported grains market experienced dull trading conditions, with prices generally unchanged.

WHEAT.—EEC milling, July, £97.35 fast coast.

MAIZE.—No. 3 yellow American, French, July, 56.00; Aug, £58.75 trans-shipment east coast; South African white dent, Aug, £66.00 seller Glasgow; South African yellow Aug, £65.00 seller Glasgow.

BARLEY.—EEC feed, July, £5 trans-shipment east coast. All at London. Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—ECC origin. BARLEY ste—Sept, £37.00; Nov, £59.35; £61.55; March, £63.40; May, £63 WHEAT, plus—Sept, £94.00; £95.35; Jan, £65.60; March, £68 May, £68.85. All a long ton Home-Grown Cereal Authority location ex-farm spot Soft milling WHEAT Feeding BAR Edinburgh £50 Kings Lynn £54.65

Two to join staff of tin buffer stock

By Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Pending the appointment a new buffer stock manag and deputy, the Internatior Tin Council's administrati committee has approved t temporary appointment of P. B. L. Leeming, an associa director of London Metal change brokers Rudolf Wolff Co, and Mr Gary O'Neil, employee of Rudolf Wolff, the staff of the buffer st department.

Mr Leeming and Mr O'N were seconded to the Council to assist Mr Phi Jevons, Wolff's manag director, who on May 9 appointed special adviser help with the ITC's bu stock operations on the sus sion of Mr R. T. Adnan, buffer stock manager, and deputy, Mr J. M. Bueno.

The ITC said last night the new arrangements termin those announced on May 9, H. W. Allen, executive ch man of the ITC, who assur the duties of buffer stock m ager in May, will continue discharge those duties for time being.

On July 5 the ITC said t it had received, and accep the resignations of Mr Ad and Mr Bueno. The posts to be advertised shortly.

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		Authorized Unit Trusts			
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33.6	30.2	Giants	33.1	35.5e	4.00
24.0	21.7	Do Accum	23.6	25.3	4.00
30.8	18.2	Growth	28.4	30.2e	4.30
22.2	19.0	Do Accum	20.7	20.5	4.30
32.7	27.4	Income	28.8	29.0e	6.20
23.3	20.4	Do Accum	20.9	23.0	6.20
22.9	18.6	East & Int Acc	19.6	20.6	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.2	10.8	Abbey Capital	10.4	20.8	4.43
28.1	10.2	Abbey General	21.1	22.0	4.20
24.2	11.0	Do Income	24.3	23.1	6.08
28.9	13.7	Do Invest	24.3	25.6	3.98
		Abbey Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Pinsbury Circus, London, EC2.		01-588 6371	
60.3	32.1	Albany Trst*	51.1	55.0e	3.67
48.1	24.3	Do Income*	41.8	44.9e	6.28
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex.		01-388 2881	
32.4	30.1	Allied Capital	49.0	52.2	5.82
30.9	27.1	Do Inc	46.9	50.2	5.32
48.5	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	42.2	45.1	5.03
27.8	16.2	Growth & Inc	23.1	25.0	5.86
32.3	14.2	Elec & Ind Dist	27.3	29.0	6.16
34.9	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	35.4	37.9	5.32
46.6	29.1	High Income	41.2	44.1	8.61
21.8	18.4	Equity Income	20.5	21.9	7.02
23.8	14.1	International	22.8	24.4	2.13
29.0	23.0	High Yield Fnd	26.8	28.6	10.42
73.8	42.8	Hambro Fnd	70.2	75.2	2.78
38.7	23.7	Do Income	34.3	36.7	7.40
61.4	44.0	Do Recovery	71.2	76.1	2.91
44.7	30.8	Do Reserve	41.8	44.7	5.60
48.6	32.4	Worldwide	43.9	48.7	2.84
140.0	96.7	B'ist Inv Fnd	129.1	139.0	6.26
143.0	97.2	Do Income	127.8	131.8	9.36
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3.		01-626 6309	
112.0	88.0	Brandts Cap (4)	107.0	114.0	2.00
124.0	90.0	Do Accum (4)	117.0	124.0	1.97
110.0	78.0	Brandts Inc (4)	100.0	107.0	8.21
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3.		01-623 4881	
194.0	76.7	B.T. Income (2)	163.0	174.0	6.00
29.0	16.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	28.2	30.0	2.44
28.3	16.0	Do Cap Acc (2)	28.5	27.2	2.44
60.0	51.0	Do Exempt (2)	77.0	82.0	4.20
20.0	9.3	Do Fin Inc (4)	13.0	14.0	4.82
20.6	9.3	Do Int Acc	13.6	13.7	4.82
		The British Life.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells 0892 22271			
30.0	24.0	British Life	27.4	29.0	3.50
30.0	20.7	Balanced (2)	28.3	30.0	4.90
31.9	19.1	Cap Accum (2)	20.7	21.4	5.63
34.9	19.9	Dividend (2)	23.9	27.4	10.12
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2.		01-600 6020	
166.0	106.1	Brn Ship Inc (4)	142.3	142.3	6.20
179.6	116.9	Do Accum (4)	162.9	167.9	6.20
		Canada Life Assurance			
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20.0	19.9	Canlife Gen	26.1	31.3	4.49
31.0	11.7	Do Accum	20.0	30.1	4.49
24.1	11.0	Do Income Dist	20.8	21.1	6.03
29.0	19.1	Do Accum	20.5	27.9	6.03
		Cartiol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne		0632 21188	
81.7	34.8	Cartiol (4)	28.9	30.4e	4.26
81.7	37.4	Do Accum	61.4	63.9	3.30
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2.		01-588 1815	
116.9	99.3	Inc* (3)	103.8	..	..
180.5	79.0	Accum* (3)	158.3	..	4.64
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		3 Paternoster Row, London, EC4		01-248 3999	
30.6	12.2	Int (3)	29.6	32.0	2.33
22.6	13.6	Accum (3)	22.6	24.2	2.33
31.0	20.2	Inc* (3)	28.4	28.2	3.96
22.0	18.3	Accum (3)	20.4	21.4	3.96
27.9	13.0	Fund Int (3)	27.6	29.4	3.98
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh		031-226 4931	
25.6	16.0	Crescent (4)	17.1	18.3	2.32
39.9	23.9	International	39.3	41.3	2.32
31.1	15.7	Reserves Fnd	27.4	29.6	4.14
34.0	18.0	High Dist	31.8	34.1	7.53
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		42-45 South St, Eastbourne.		0323 36712	
61.5	39.7	Commodity	54.7	58.9	5.59
32.1	17.4	Growth	30.0	32.0	2.83
24.1	13.0	Drayton Capital	23.1	25.3	6.40
35.6	22.4	Drayton Inc	33.4	34.4	6.95
34.7	29.0	International	31.7	44.3	2.13
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		42 Bishopsgate, London, EC2.		01-588 6851	
83.4	25.6	Progressive	45.5	48.2e	4.23
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks		0494 32815	
47.0	25.2	Equity & Law	44.1	46.4	4.40
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		Framlington Hse, 3-7 Ireland Yd, EC4.		01-248 6971	
51.0	26.4	Capital	44.7	47.2	2.50
46.8	24.0	Income	42.2	44.8e	7.52
		Friend's Provident Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		1 Leadenhall St, London, EC3.		01-626 4511	
31.8	12.9	Friends Prov	24.9	26.6e	4.78
32.1	14.6	Do Accum	28.8	30.6	4.78
		Fund in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2.		01-405 4300	
86.0	46.0	Capital*	38.0	60.0	4.95
65.0	40.0	Gross Income*	58.0	61.0e	5.00
72.0	43.0	High Yield*	68.0	70.0	8.31
		Grand A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		8 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex.		0277 227300	
25.6	13.6	G & A	22.0	23.5e	3.56
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St. Martin-le-Grand, EC1.		01-600 0461	Ex1 L1
63.8	36.0	GT Cap	54.1	57.9	3.70
71.8	38.8	Do Accum	60.8	64.7	3.70
103.3	73.2	Do Income	96.3	102.4	7.00
149.6	94.6	Do US Gen Fnd	145.4	154.6	1.00
160.0	94.6	Do Japan Gen	134.6	144.4	1.00
96.0	93.9	Do Pension Ex	93.8	96.4	3.00
		Garfunkel Unit Managers.			
		2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP		01-283 4531	
34.7	22.1	Gartmore Brit	31.5	33.9	4.87
29.9	18.9	Do High Inc	28.1	30.2	12.18
28.5	19.6	Do Overseas	25.3	27.2	1.65
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3		01-621 1031	
67.6	31.5	Guardhill	61.2	63.4	5.24
		Henderson Administration.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex		0277 227300	
		11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2HD			
48.9	33.0	Aust Trst	46.7	49.2	3.25
64.0	36.0	Cabot	64.4	68.9	3.01
25.8	20.8	Cap Accum	24.2	26.1	4.12
38.1	23.7	European	34.1	36.5	2.73
43.6	28.2	Far East Trst	39.7	42.5	2.62
34.1	21.8	Financial Trst	32.8	34.3	3.70
107.3	80.5	Hender on Gr	98.5	103.0e	3.21
37.0	23.0	High Income	31.1	33.1	11.78
24.3	14.6	Inc & Assets	19.9	21.2	8.70
27.0	17.2	International	23.5	24.0	3.67
40.6	28.4	Nth American	37.0	40.2	3.57
34.4	19.6	Oil & Nat Res	26.0	27.7	5.21
93.0	56.3	Pers Portfolio	74.8	82.8	4.79
83.0	44.3	World Wide	62.4	66.5	3.68
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers.			
		45 Beech St, EC2 P2DX		01-628 8011	
36.9	29.1	Dollar	34.2	36.2	1.75
26.6	19.8	International	25.6	26.9	1.09
119.0	82.8	Brit Trst	108.3	113.7	5.34
119.0	82.6	Brit Diversified	104.1	113.7	3.48
24.0	20.0	Inc Trst	20.3	21.7	6.03
42.0	36.2	Fin Trst	37.7	37.8	4.22
20.1	8.8	Inc Trst	18.2	19.2	7.38
17.7	10.4	High Yield	17.1	18.2	8.30
40.0	19.1	Serv Trst	36.1	38.7	5.47
		Jascot Securities Ltd.			
		21 Leven St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LH		031-228 1421	
25.3	12.0	Compound (1)	19.9	21.0	11.47
26.6	14.1	Do

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The Times Share Indices for 08 07 75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959).—

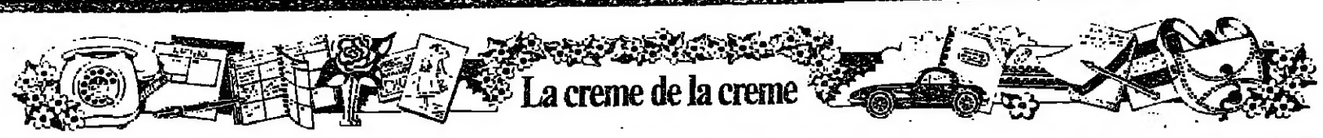
	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	137.22	6.99	13.97	134.24
Largest Coys.	137.09	6.71	13.43	134.01
Smaller Coys.	137.35	7.49	15.73	134.89
Capital Goods	136.38	7.39	15	133.39
Consumer Goods	161.72	6.72	12.17	158.08
Store Shares	117.45	7.65	8.00	115.25
Largest financial shares	177.07	5.51	—	173.36
Largest financial and industrial shares	144.82	6.48	—	141.50
Commodity shares	236.79	4.39	12.79	237.51
Gold Mining shares	687.14	4.98	7.76	644.21
Industrial debenture stocks	78.23	8.26*	—	78.17
Industrial preference stocks	47.26	15.33*	—	47.11
Irish War Loan	29½	14.39*	—	29½

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	196.47	(15 08 72)	60.18	(12.12.74)
1975	150.18	(05.06.75)	61.42	(06.01.75)
1974	136.18	(28.02.74)	60.18	(12.12.74)
1973	189.33	(25.01.73)	129.89	(14.12.73)
1972	196.47	(15 08.72)	174.48	(18 01.72)
1971	174.77	(31.12.71)	132.33	(02.03.71)
1970	143.78	(14.01.70)	110.75	(26 06.70)

* Flat interest yield.

= Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Price or dividend figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.



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BIRTHS

DYKES.—On 4th July to Hugh and Susan—a son, brother for Oliver and Jonathan.

EASTERMAN.—On July 4th at 27 Welbeck St., London, W.1, to Nicki and Steven—a daughter (Alexandra), a sister for Jamie.

ELMHIRST.—On 3rd July, 1975, in Paris to Celia, wife of Roger Elmhirst—a daughter.

FRANKS.—On 7th July, at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Sarah (nee Morris) and Christopher—a son.

HORAN.—On 4th July to Hilary (nee Parker) and Tim—a son (Daniel Forbes).

HUGHES.—On July 8th at the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, to Elizabeth (nee Triggs) and Richard—a son.

HULF.—On 7th July, at Ards Hospital, County Down, to Penny (nee Bingham) and Robin Hulf—a daughter (Camilla Louise Prudence).

HULTON.—On July 3rd at The Linde Wing, St. Mary's Paddington, to Ruth (nee Parsons) and Hill, twin sons.

INGRAM.—On July 6th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Diana and William—a daughter.

McMULLEN.—On July 7th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Jenny (nee Cruickshank) and Cdr. Gerald McMullen—a daughter.

PEARSON.—On 8th July to Julie (nee Abbott) and Christopher—a son (Alexander).

URQUHART.—On July 4th, 1975, to Trish (nee McGowan) and James Urquhart—a son (Angus James), a brother to Stuart.

WELD FORESTER.—On July 5th to Kate and Brook Weld Forester—a son, Willoy Park, Broseley, Shropshire.

WHITE.—On 4th July, to Philip and Margaret (nee Taylor), at Tidworth Military Hospital—a son, a brother for Alison.

DEATHS

BARNETT, HELEN.—Wife of the late Sir H. G. (Toby) Barnett and much loved aunt and great-aunt, peacefully at Bristol on 7th July. Funeral service at Canford Crematorium on 11th July at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

BOWEN.—On 7th July at home, Commander John Herbert Bowen, O.B.E., R.N., aged 79. Cremation private. Memorial service at Corfe Castle to be announced later. No letters, please.

BURNLEY.—On July 7th, 1975, Fred Burnley, suddenly, at home, aged 41, dearly beloved husband of Judith and dear son of Helen. A tragic loss to all who knew him. Funeral, Thursday, 10th July, Bushey Jewish Cemetery, 2.15 p.m. No flowers.

CALEY.—On 8th July, 1975, Florence Anne, aged 82, of 52 Kingston House East, London, S.W.7, widow of Henry Arthur Caley, much loved by her family and friends in England and Nicaragua. Service, Putney Vale Crematorium, Monday, 14th July, 1.00 p.m. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 49 Marloes Road, W.8.

DEATHS

DOMBEY, DAVID (of Greens Ltd.).—The Cremation was held yesterday of David, who died suddenly after a long illness, on Sunday, July 6th. Deeply mourned by son and daughter, Paul and Mary and all relatives and friends.

DOWDELL.—On 7th July, Margaret K. (Peggy), dearest and loving wife of Leslie, and only daughter of the late Thomas J. and Mary Warth, of Fourways, 65 Park Avenue, Bromley, after 10 years of great suffering. Flowers to H. Copeland & Son Ltd., Bromley Road, Beckenham. Cremation Friday, at 11 a.m. at Tunbridge Wells. Requiescat in pace.

DROUGHT.—On 4th July, 1975, suddenly, Alexander Charles, beloved husband of Bea and father of Virginia, Ann, Ray, Dinah and Susan. The funeral took place in Fortrose on 7th July, 1975.

FARRAN.—On July 7th, peacefully, in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Helen Elizabeth Anne, of Balsham, Cambridge, and Melbourne, Australia. Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium on Friday, 11th July, at 3 p.m. Flowers to W. Laden Lilley's Private Chapel, Mill Lane, Cambridge.

FORSE.—On July 7, peacefully, at home, Lilian Forse, of Burnham Court Lodge, Burnham, West Sussex, widow of William Thomas Forse, beloved by John, Bette, Bill and Tim. Funeral on Saturday, July 12, 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Church, Burnham. No flowers, please.

GASTER.—On 6th July at St Thomas's Hospital, Eileen, loving sister of Percy, beloved aunt of John, Barbara, Geoffrey, Robert and Peter (families). Service at Golders Green Crematorium Wednesday, 9th July, at 12.00 noon. No flowers by request.

GIBBS.—On July 6, 1975, peacefully, at his home, Clifton Hampden, Oxfordshire, Ron, Sir Geoffrey Cokayne, K.C.M.G., beloved husband of Helen. Funeral Thursday, July 10, at St. Michael and All Angels, Clifton Hampden, at 3 p.m. Family and near neighbours welcome. Garden flowers only. Memorial service at St. Margaret's Westminster on Thursday, July 24th, at 12 noon.

GILMOUR.—On July 7, Captain David Gilmour, retired, of 25 Elm Park Court, Pinner, dearly loved husband of Noreen and father of Louise and Janet. Funeral at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Friday, July 11, at 10.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations, if wished, to the British Sailors Society, 680 Commercial Road, E.14.

HAWKEN.—On July 4th, 1975, suddenly and peacefully at his home in Danbury, Ninian John Patrick Hawken, M.C., T.D., F.C.I.S.A., A.C.I.I., aged 64, until recently of Tonbridge and Harding son of the late Archdeacon and Mrs C. B. Hawken, dear husband of Elizabeth, father of Sarah and Charles, and father-in-law of Alicia. Funeral private, family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Regimental Association, Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, Portsmouth Rd., Kingston-upon-Thames. Memorial service in London to be arranged later.

HODGSON.—On June 30th, peacefully, after a short illness, Idonea Gertrude, of Astley Abbotts, Bridgnorth and some time of Bill Hill, Wokingham, widow of Henry Michael Hodgson, O.B.E., in her ninety-second year. Cremation private.

KENT.—On July 7th, suddenly, at his home, 36 Pitchcombe Gardens, Coombe Dingle, Bristol, Christopher Howard Irvine (Chris), darling husband of Tina and dear stepfather of Terry and Helen, Julie and Stan, Catherine and Sarah. Service and cremation at Canford, Bristol, on Friday, July 11th, at 2.40 p.m. Family flowers only.

KIMBER.—On July 8th at Pound Cottage, Sharsted, Romney Marsh, Kent, Kathleen Elizabeth, aged 69, beloved wife of Philip and mother of Paul and David, and grandmother of Nigel, Julia, Elizabeth and Isabel. Funeral at Snargate Church, on Friday, 11th July, at 11.15. Cut flowers to Wood, Tutton St., Ashford, Kent.

LICHT.—On July 6th 1975, Lovell Miller Benjamin (Dr. Ben), physician of Red Wings, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, in his 71st year. Dearly loved and loving husband of Wendy, father of Robin, Peter, Nicholas and grandfather of Lucinda. Cremation private. A memorial service will be held in St. Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch at 12.30 p.m., Wednesday, July 23rd. Enquiries to Stammers Funeral Service, 11 Queen Street, Southminster, Essex. Phone Maldon (Essex) 772415.

MacKENZIE.—On 7th July, 1975, at Nevis, Bernera, Janet Murchison, wife of the late Kenneth Donald MacKenzie, Glasgow and surviving daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Duncan Murchison, Camustorrach, Annfearrose. Funeral service at Hillfoot Cemetery, Milngavie, Glasgow, on Thursday, 10th July at 4.30 p.m.

MACMILLAN.—On July 6th, 1975, at 7 Albert Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, Angus Macmillan, Barrister, Gray's Inn, the dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Hugh, Angus and George. Donations may be made to Cancer Research, Christie Hospital. Enquiries to Ren Lloyd (F.D.) Ltd., 061-485 3135 & Poynton 2717.

O'BRIEN.—On Thursday, 3rd July, suddenly, George Edward, of Abbey Road, St. John's Wood, London, beloved husband of Doris and loving father of Ian, Karen and Ronan. Deeply regretted by his mother, family and relatives. Requiem Mass at 10.45 on Thursday, 10th July, at the Church of The Sacred Heart, Quex Road, London, N.W.6. Burial in County Clare on Friday, 11th July, at 12.00 noon. —Rest in peace.

PARKS.—On July 5th, 1975, Claude de Sle. Croix Parks in his 85th year, of Thornton Heath. Funeral service Croydon Parish Church on Friday 11th July, 1975, at 2.30 p.m. Committal service at St. Mark's Cemetery, St. Helier, Jersey, Friday, 18th July, at 2.30 p.m. Enquiries to Rowland Brothers, Funeral Directors, Croydon, 01-684 1667, or C. E. Croad Ltd., St. Helier, Jersey, 0534 23530.

PATTERSON.—On July 7th, 1975, at Clopton House, Stratford-on-Avon, Frederick Joseph, aged 78 years. Funeral at Tidmington Church, Shipston-on-Stour, at 11.30 on Saturday, 12th July.

DEATHS

RECKNELL.—On 7 July, 1975, peacefully, at Chanting Green House, Steyning, George Hugh, F.I.A., F.F.A., beloved husband of Jean and of the late Eileen, much loved father of Mary Delahaye and Ava Ogden and dear grandfather of Nicholas and Olive Ogden. Funeral at St. Andrew's Church, Steyning, Friday, July 11th, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, donations, if desired, to The Royal British Legion, Steyning Branch. All inquiries Chilcott Brothers, Steyning 812.

RUSSI.—On July 8, 1975, peacefully, at home, Oriana, beloved wife of Major F. J. Russi, late of Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. Flowers to Killochan Cottage, Girvan, Ayrshire.

SLAWSON, ARTHUR J. V.—July 7, 1975, suddenly, at his residence, 10 The Rye, Southgate, N14 4LT, chairman, W. S. Simpson & Co. (The British Aniline Dye & Chemical Works) Ltd.

SNEDDEN.—On Tuesday, 1st July, 1975, suddenly, at his home 57 Holland Park Mews, London, Richard Macdougall Hamilton Snedden. Interment of his ashes will take place at the Bridge Parish Church, Sussex on Tuesday, 15th July, at 12.00 a.m. Enquiries to Prothero & Prothero, Solicitors, 01-493 1063.

STARK.—On July 8th, 1975, in hospital, Geoffrey William Edgerton, aged 71 years, of 17 South Grove House, Highgate, N.6, dearly loved husband of Patricia, such a loved character in the City of London. Funeral service at St. Marylebone Crematorium, Finchley, N.3, on Friday, 11 July, at 3 p.m. Donations to Cancer Research Fund, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2, in lieu of flowers, please.

STOCKS, MARY DANVERS, BARONESS STOCKS, suddenly but peacefully on Sunday, 6th July, 1975. Family cremation Golders Green, Friday, 11th July, 1 p.m. No flowers, please. A memorial service will be announced later.

WOOD.—On 8th July at Idbury Manor, Kingham, Oxfordshire, after a long illness gallantly borne Edith, daughter of the late Alexander and Edith Wood of Aberdeen and London, dearly loved sister of Lawson and George. Funeral service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Friday, 11th July at 12.30 p.m. Memorial service at Idbury Church to be announced later.

YARWOOD.—On July 6th, John Alexander Yarwood, of Stratfold, Wilmcote, Stratford upon Avon, aged 74, husband of Ruth.

YEAMAN.—On July 7, 1975, Lady Anne Doris Yeaman, suddenly, at The Moat House, Uckington, Cheltenham. Funeral private. No letters or flowers.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BETTS.—A memorial service for Ernest Betts will be held at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street on Monday 14th July, at 1 p.m.

BIRKENHEAD.—A memorial service for the Earl of Birkenhead will be held at St Margaret's Westminster, on Thursday, July 10th at noon.

DYER.—A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Rex Mulroney Dyer will be held in All Saints Church, Emberton, on Friday, August 1st, at 4.30 p.m.

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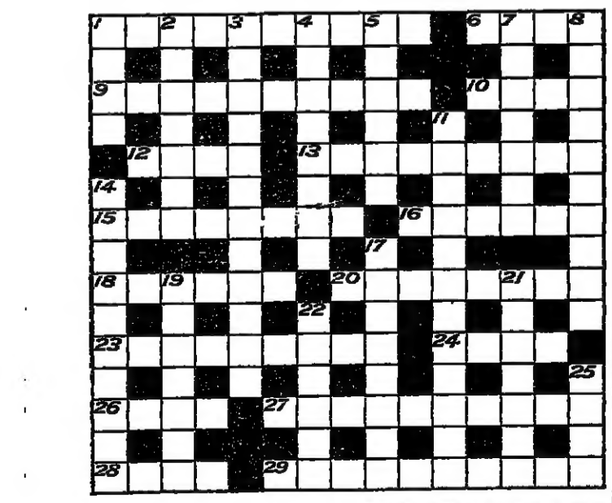

ACROSS
1 The Cruel One—as related in fairy-tales (10).
6 The state a hut gets into! (4).
9 Ill-feeling about troubles—such is the life of rogues (10).
10 Place occupied by an army officer? (4).
12 What's the matter Lady Jane? (4).
13 Permit misuse of cane for such a sum (9).
15 "And prove their doctrine ——— By apostolic blows and knocks" (Butler) (8).
16 Italy's merry buffoon? (6).
18 Deed points to a bird (6).
20 Dancer who made a Victorian poet diet (8).
23 Doctor chaps going to America? Very serious (9).
24 They man boats on active service round the king (4).
26 Make rows like Madame Defarge (4).
27 It created a hot-bed of rumour at the Old Pretender's birth (7-3).
28 A row, if this outsider wins? (4).
29 There's a sea-change for Viola (6-4).

DOWN
1 Call for help about penny concessions (4).
2 With a reservation about right book selection (7).
3 Mr R. Young rode strange hobby-horses (5-2-5).
4 He's willing to try a high place (8).
5 Peers made to squeal! (6).
7 What Augustus got, refusing soup (7).
8 MPs politically grouped, or week-ending in the country? (5-5).
11 On which Micawber's sixpence tipped the scale (6, 6).
14 It's profitable making a key man more involved (5-5).
17 Webster's film production? (8).
19 Poet lacks aspiration to be "the greatest" (7).
21 A tenacious type, we hear—Herod (7).
22 Almost forgot about a provision for horses (6).
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